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City Clerk.



REV. SAMUEL WORCESTER, D. D.

THE OLD RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF FITCHBURG
MASSACHUSETTS

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OF THE PRINTED RECORDS OF THE TOWN

COMPILED BY
WALTER A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF FITCHBURG.

March 5, 1901.

The joint standing committee on finance, to which was referred petition No. 173, asking for a continuance of the publication of the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, report that they recommend the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the sum of nine hundred and fifty (\$950) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of continuing the work of copying and printing the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, under the direction of the City Clerk; said sum to be charged to incidental account.

CHARLES A. BABBITT,	} Committee on Finance.
JOHN R. SMITH,	
GEORGE S. COGSWELL,	
HARRISON BAILEY,	
JOHN LEIPER,	

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 5, 1901.

Report read, accepted, and order adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

WALTER A. DAVIS, *Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 5, 1901.

Read, accepted and order adopted. In concurrence.

FRED A. TOLMAN, *Clerk.*

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 6, 1901.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 6, 1901.

Approved.

CHARLES A. BABBITT, *Mayor.*

A true copy. Attest:

WALTER A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

INTRODUCTION.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

Nov. 18, 1901.

This volume contains an exact transcript of the first 270 pages of Book III. of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg, Mass., including the town meeting and selectmen's records, beginning with a warrant dated April 20, 1796, for a town meeting to be held May 9, 1796, ending with the report of the selectmen upon the division of the school money for the year 1809, made out December 4, 1809. The amount expended that year was \$640.00.

With this volume we present a portrait of Capt. Israel Turner, from a painting owned and loaned by Miss Nancy Phillips; also a portrait of Rev. Samuel Worcester, from an engraving the original of which was painted by Samuel F. B. Morse of electric telegraph fame, when Mr. Worcester was about forty years of age.

There are two pages of manuscript reproduction prepared by the Helio-type Printing Company of Boston, Mass. The photographs in these cases were prepared by J. C. Moulton, photographer, of this city.

The printer's copy for this volume was prepared by Miss Bessie J. Davis.

The work of printing has been executed by the Sentinel Printing Company in their usual careful manner, and the index has been prepared under the supervision of Mr. Frank C. Hoyt, foreman of that company.

The same general method has been used in this volume as in former volumes with reference to paging, the heavy figures enclosed in brackets representing the paging in the original book.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER SS.

FITCHBURG, November 16, 1901.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 1 and ending with page 270 in Book III., is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg as is contained on the pages and in the volume named; except that the title, paging, explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter A. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

HARRISON BAILEY, *Notary Public.*

THE OLD RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF FITCHBURG,
FROM BOOK III.

[1] Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to direct you in due corse of Law
(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of said Town that are Quallified as the Constitution directs to vote for a Representitive to affemble and meet at the meeting house on munday the ninth day of May next at Two oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

To See if the Town will Elect or depute sum meet Person to Represent them in the Great and General Court of this Commonwealth for the year insuing

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord A. D. 1796.

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee		of
Samuel Gibson		{ Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin exprefs^d to meet to meet at time and Place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg May 9, 1796

Joseph Polly Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the ninth day of May 1796

1^y Voted to adjourn the meeting untill five oClock.

The Town meet according to adjournment.

It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will send a Man to the Great & General Court to Represent them the year Enfuing

The vote being put it pass^d in the Negative . . .

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachusetts to require you in due corse of
(Seal) Law to notify the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house on munday the ninth day of May next at Three oClock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will abate any persons highway tax who hath no open Road, or permit them to work their highway tax to help themselves out, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

[2] 3^y To see if the Town will comply with a request of M^r Amos Fisks to abate his taxes, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^y To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to inspect the frame and underpinning of the New meeting house, and also the finishing of s^d Houfe

5^y To see if the Town will chuse an Agent to meet at M^r Joshua Wrights in Templetown on the thirtyeth of May next for the purpose of making a devision of the County

6^y To see if the Town will abate the Minister tax to those persons that profess to be Baptists & Methodists and likewise their propotionable part towards the new meeting Houfe, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

7^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of the report of their Committee chosen to Settle with the Town Treasurer

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentyeth day of April in the year of Our Lord A. D. 1796.

John Thurston Jun^r } Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee } of
Samuel Gibson } Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein exprest to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within Mentioned

Fitchburg May 9th 1796 . . Joseph Polly Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the ninth day of May 1796

1^{ly} Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that M^r Afaph Goodridge be allowed his account for what he workt out on the highways on his road the last year

3^{ly} Voted that M^r Afaph Goodridge have liberty to work out his highway tax on his own road and keep the Gates in repair, untill further order of the Town

4^{ly} Voted that M^r George Wood be allowed the Sum of his last years highway rates, his working out that Sum to help himself out to the road and likewise that he be allowed the priviledge to work on a road that he has provided to git to the Town road his highway rates untill further order of the Town

5^{ly} Voted to abate M^r Amos Fisks rates that is uncollected for the year 1794 in the hands of M^r Ezra Ritter Collector for said year

6^{ly} Voted to Chuse a committee to inspect the Frame and underpining of the New Meeting Houfe, and also the finishing of said Houfe

7^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of Three

8^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Israel Turner, M^r W^m Small,
& M^r Amos Putnum a committee for the above purpose

9^{ly} Voted to chuse an Agent or agents to meet the
proposed convention at Templetown respecting a devision
of the County

[3] 10^{ly} Voted and Chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r to be
an agent for the above purpose

11^{ly} Voted that Daniel Putnum Esq^r as an agent to
meet at Templetown respecting a Devision of the County,
be instructed not to petition for a new County unless the
Towns North & Easterly from Fitchburg be aded to the
number of Towns mentioned in the letter to request the
Town to send an agent or agents.

12^{ly} Voted to Chuse a Committee to examine the
Constitution and report to the Town the expediency of
abating the Minister taxes of those persons who profess
themselves to be Baptists and Methodist, and likewise their
propotionable part of the expences towards the New
meeting house

13^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of five . . .

14^{ly} Voted and Chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Paul Wether-
bee Cap^t Israel Turner Abel Bawldin & Cap^t Will^m
Brown

15^{ly} Voted That the committee make their report at
the next Town meeting

16. Voted to accept the report of the Committee to
Settle with the Town Treafurer

Daniel Putnum Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town
of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to direct you to notify and warn
(Seal) by verbal notice the freeholders and other Inhabi-
tants of said Town that are Quallified by Law to
vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the meet-
ing house on munday the ninth day of this Instent May

at half past five oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will make any provifion for the refreshment of the Raifers and alfo the Spectators that shall attend upon the raifing of the New meeting Houfe or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord A. D. 1796

John Thurston Jun^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin exprefed to meet at time and place and for the purpofes within mentioned.

Fitchburg May 9th 1796 Joseph Polly Constable

Att a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on Munday the ninth day of May 1796

1^y Voted & Chofe Cap^t William Brown Moderator

2^y It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will provide one barrill W I R & Loaf Sugar Sufficent to make it into Toddy for refreshments for the Raifers & Spectators that shall attend raifing the new meeting Houfe. The vote being put it pafs in the affirmative.

[4] 3^y Voted to Chufe a committee to deal out the liquors to the Raifers & Spectators on raising Day . . .

4^y Voted that the committee confist of five . . .

5^y Voted & chofe Deacon Boutell, Reuben Smith, Joseph Polly Doc^t Marfhall & Esq^r Putnum as a committee.

Voted to add to the committee two persons viz. Afa Pery & Eph^r Kimball

6^y Voted that the Committee to deal out the liquors & Sugar Sufficent for the Raifers & Spectators in Cafe

the barrill W I R & sugar already voted should be insufficient & bring in their acct to the Town for allowance

7^y Voted to disolve the meeting

William Brown Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to direct you in due Corfe of Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to affemble and meet at the meeting house in said Town on Munday the twenty-ninth day of this Instant Aug^t at One oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see what sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to supply the Pulpet & support the schools the year Enfuig or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^y To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to pay the Towns Debts and other necessary charges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^y To see if the Town will except of a report of the Committee chofen to Confir with the Baptists & Methadis, and examine the Constitution, or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

5^y To see what method the Town will take to supply the Pulpet, or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

6^y To if the Town will except of the report of A committee chofen to see the fifty dollars Laid out on the New County road, or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

7^y To here the report of their Agent chofen to attend at Templetown the 30th of May last respecting a Division of the County

8^y To see if the Town will chuse an agent or agents

to attend at the adjournment of the Convention at Templetown in the month of Sep^r or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Eleventh day of August A. D. 1796.

John Thurston Jun^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as theirin exprefs^d to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Fitchburg Aug^t 22nd 1796 Joseph Polly Constable

[5] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 29th day of August 1796

1st Voted and Chose M^r Asa Perry Moderator . . .

2^{ly} Voted to Raife Eighty pounds to supply the Pulpet the year Enfuing

3^{ly} Voted to Raife One hundred pounds to Support the schools the year Enfuing

4^{ly} Voted to Raife Two hundred & Seventy pounds to pay the Towns Debts and other Nefesary charges

5^{ly} Voted to chufe a Committee to supply the Pulpet to lay out the Eighty pounds voted for that purpose in the 2nd vote

6^{ly} Voted that the committee consist of three

7^{ly} Voted and Chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r M^r Paul Wetherbee, & M^r John Thurston Jun^r a committee for the above purpose

8^{ly} Voted to instruet the committee chosen to lay out the money to supply the pulpet

9^{ly} Voted that the Committee be instrueted to lay out the Eighty pounds to supply the pulpet in the most favorable part of the year they shall think proper . .

10^y Voted to chufe a school committee man or men for each deftrict

11. Voted and chofe Mofes Hale for the first deftrict.

12—Voted and chofe Elisha Chamberlin for the second deftrict

13—Voted & chofe Jonathan Low & Daniel Harrifs for the third deftrict

14.—Voted & chofe Benj^a Flint for the fourth deftrict

15—Voted & chofe Abner Sawyer & Seth Phillips for the fifth deftrict.

16—Voted & chofe Ensign Jacob Burnap for the sixth deftrict.

17.—Voted & chofe Amos Ordway & Amos Lawrence for the Seventh deftrict.

18.—Voted that the committee man or men in each deftrict be under the direction of the deftrict they belong too in laying out their money

19th Voted to except the report of a Committee chofen on the ninth day of May last to examine and confider the Conftitution & the expediency of abating the minifter tax of thofe persons who profefs to be Baptifts & Methadis and likewise their propotion of the expence towards the new meeting houfe

here follows the report —

We the Subscribers being chofen a Committee at a Town meeting affembled on the ninth day of May last to examine the Conftitution, and confider the expediency of abating the minifter tax of thofe persons who profefs to be Baptifts and Methadis and likewise their propotion of the expence towards the new meeting houfe—viz That it is not expedient to abate any persons Minifter rate in this Town Either Methadis or Baptifts uniefs they are formed into a Society and are known as Such by the Conftitution and Laws of this Commonwealth.

Secondly That it is agreeable to the Conftitution that all our Inhabitants be taxed to the minifter and paid into the Town treafurer (but) them persons who profefs to be Baptifts and Methodis who shall produce to the Town treafurer a Certificate from a Religious teacher of any

incorporate Society either Sex^s that he attends on their Religious instructions, that the Treafurer be directed to pay to such teachers Such sum or Sums as they are taxed to the Minister in this Town

Thirdly that no person be exempted from paying their propotion towards the New meeting House who is an Inhabitant of this Town all which is humbly Submitted.

Signd by the Committee

Daniel Putnum, Paul Wetherbee, Israel Turner, W^m Brown.
August 27th 1796

20—Voted to except the report of the Committee appointed to lay out Fifty dollars on the New County road, Here follows the report.—

The committee chofen by the Town of Fitchburg to expend Fifty dollars on the County New Road have atened the befinefs agreable to order of the Town & beg leave to report viz Began at the foot of the Hill & Laid out Five Lotts which reached the highth of Land on said New Road On venduing four of said Lotts expended nearly the above Said Sum of Fifty dollars. your committee thought propper with the advice of the Company present to go on, and vendue the 5th Lott when we found the whole amount to Sixty dollars Signd by the Committee Aug^t 29th 1796

21^{ly} Voted to chufe an agent or agents to attend a convention at Templetown on the first Tusday Sep^t next

22nd Voted to send Two agents to the Convention

23.—Voted & Chofe Daniel Putnum Esq^r & Cap^t Israel Turner to attend the Convention

24—Voted to Defolve this meeting, the meeting was accordingly Difsolved

Afa Perry Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[6] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting
(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of
Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other other Inhabitants of said Town that are Quallified

by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and affemble at the meeting Houfe in said Town on Munday the twenty forth day of this instant Oct^r at one OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz).

1^y To chufe a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^y To see what method the Town will take to provide the money for M^r John Putnum Ju^r the undertaker of the new meeting houfe that is likely to be deficient or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper . . .

3^y To see if the Town will sell the Pews in the New meeting houfe that are the Towns property or act any thing theiron as they Shall think propper

4^y To see if the Town will choofe a committee to lay out the Ground for Stabling near the New meeting houfe or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

5^y To see if the Town will procure the triming for the pulpit.

6^y To see if the Town will give their Committee any instructions that was chofen to lay out the Eighty pounds, whether to hire preaching constantly or otherwife, to particularife the months they wish to be deftitute.

7^y To see if the Town will here and allow the request of Abraham Willard.

8^y To see if the Town will make any provifion for painting the Ruff of the New meeting houfe or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this third day of Oct^r in the year of our Lord A. D. 1796

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } said Town

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town Qualified as theirin exprefsed to meet at the time & place and for the purpofes within mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Conftable

Fitchburg Oct^r 24th 1796.

Att a legal meeting Afsembled on the 24th Oct^r 1796

1st Voted and chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Moderator

2^{ly} Voted and chose Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro. tem.

3^{ly} Voted to pass over the Second article in the warrant for the present

4^{ly} Voted to sell the Pews in the New meeting house in four weeks from this day. One quarter part of the money to be paid at the time the money becomes due to the undertaker The other three quarters to be paid in twelve months, on Interest, Two dollars Earnest on Each pew below, and one dollar earnest on each pew above, which earnest to be deducted from the first payment.

5^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to sell the Pews

6^{ly} Voted & chose for said Committee Cap^t Brown Cap^t Israel Turner & M^r Afa Perry

7^{ly} Voted to take up the second article in the warrant.

8- Voted that the Selectmen be impowered with the Town Trefurer to hire what money will be nesefary to pay the undertaker when it becomes due

[7] 9^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to lay out the Ground for the Stables and report at the next meeting . .

10^{ly} Voted and chose for said Committee Maj^r John Goodridge, Cap^t Benj^t Marshall & Deacon Kendall Boutell

11^{ly} Voted that two be added to the above Committee.

12^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t William Brown & Lieu^t Afaph Goodridge in addition

13^{ly} Voted to add two more to said Committee.

14^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Hartwell & Cap^t Tho^s Thurston be aded to the above Committee . . .

15^{ly} Voted to trim the pulpit

16th Voted to chuse a committee to procure a decent trimming for the pulpit in the cheapest manner for the Town

17th Voted and chose Lieut Edward Durant for said Committee

18th Voted that the Committee procure Constant preaching till the Eighty Pounds is laid out.

19th Voted to comply with the request of Abraham Willard so far back, as including the year 1792.

20th Voted to Paint the Ruff of the meeting

Voted to chufe a committee to paint the Roof of the Meeting Houfe

Voted and Chofe Cap^t W^m Brown M^r Afa Perry & M^r John Thurston for the Committee

Voted to let out the painting of the Roof of the Meeting houfe at Publick vendue to the lowest bidder at the most convenient time for the benefit of the Town to be done to the acceptance of said Committee

Voted that the Town Trefurer be directed to pay M^r Abraham Willard the money due to him agreable to the vote, & that Peter Snow affist him in making a calculation.

Voted that the Committee for laying out the ground for the Stabling make a plan of the Stables so that they may be all uniform

Voted that this meeting be difsolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro. Tem.

a true copy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you forthwith by ver-
(Seal) bal notice to notify and warn the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law

to vote in Town meeting to meet and affemble at the meeting houfe on Munday the twenty forth day of this instant Oct^r at four oClock. P. M, and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chufe a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2^d To see if the Town will make any amendment to the vote that was past the twenty ninth of August respecting the baptist and Methodis fetching a Certificate from an incorporated Society or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^d To see if the Town will provide a Clock to hang

in the front of the New meeting Houfe or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

[8] Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty forth day of Oct: 1796

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Fitchburg Oct: 24th 1796. Joseph Polly Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Munday the 24th Oct: 1796.

1st Voted & chose Mr John Thurston Jun^r Moderator

Voted that the town so far amend their vote pased the 29th of Aug^t 1796 respecting considering the expediency of taxing the Babtists & Methodists that they shall bring a certificate from a teacher of a Religious Society infsted of a certificate from a teacher of a Religious incorporated Society,

Voted that Peter Snow asist the Town Treafurer in examining the Certificates apportioning the demand &c

Voted not to provide a Clock for the New meeting houfe

Voted to give liberty to hang a Clock in the New meeting Houfe provided it is given

Voted that this meeting be difsolved

John Thurston Ju^r Moderator
Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro. Tem.

A true copy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in Due corse of
 (Seal) Law to notify and warn the freeholders and other
 Inhabitants of said Town that are Quallified as
 the Constitution Directs to vote for Representatives to the
 General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet and affem-
 ble at the meeting houfe on munday the Seventh Day of
 Nov^r next at three OClock in the after noon, and when
 meet to give in their votes to the Selectmen who shall
 preside at said meeting for One Elector of President &
 Vice President of the United States

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings theiron to Sum one of us on or before said
 Day and time above mentioned

given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this
 twenty forth Day of Oct^r A. D. 1796.

John Thurston Ju ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee	
Sam ^l Gibson	

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of s^d Town Quallified as theirin expreffed to
 meet at the time and place and for the purposes within
 mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Conftable

Fitchburg Oct^r 7th 1796.

[9] At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg Affembled on munday the 7th day of Nov^r 1796
 for the purpose of chufing an Elector for a President &
 Vice President for the United Státes of America

The Town being affembled & the votes called for and
 brought in counted & sorted, and a declaration made of
 the Persons voted for, and is as follows (viz)

For James Winthrop Esq ^r	20 —
For Elbridge Gary Esq ^r	19 —

John Thurston Ju ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Sam ^l Gibson	
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.	

Worcester: fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) these are in the Name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you by verbal notice and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to assemble and meet at the meeting house on Monday the Seventh day of November instant at four oClock P. M. and when meet to give in their votes for a Federal Representative for the Second middle District to the Selectmen who shall preside at said meeting agreeable to a late act of the General Court.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Seventh Day of November in the year 1796.

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Nov^r 7th 1796.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 7th day of Nov^r 1796 for the purpose of chusing a Representative for the second middle District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Represent us in the Congress of the United States of America—

The Town being assembled & the votes call^d for and brought in counted & sorted & declaration made of the Persons voted for and is as follows (viz)

For Joseph. B Norman Esq^r 30

For Sam^l Dexter Esq^r 2

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
Sam^l Gibson } Fitchburg
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[10] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth

(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of

Law by verbal notice to notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to assemble & meet at the meeting house in s^d Fitchburg on Munday Seventh day of this Instant Nov^r at five oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will here and except the report of the Committee chosen the nineteenth of Oct^r last to lay out the Ground for Stabling, or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper

3^y To see what method the Town will point out for individuals to come at the Ground to Set their Stables on, or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper

4^y To see if the Town will pay back the Dollar that was advanced when the Pews was bid of, to those persons that flung up their Pews in Consequence of the meeting house being removed, or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper

5^y To see if the Town will give the Town Treasurer any further instruction respecting paying out the money to the Baptist and Methodist, or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this seventh day of November in the year 1796.

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as theirin expres^d to meet at time & place and for the purposfes within mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Nov^r 7th 1796.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 7th Nov^r 1796.

1^{ly} Voted & chose Deacon Sam^l Gibson Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour to the Houfe of the Widow Cowdins

The Town meet according to adjornment

3rd Voted to pafs over the second article in the warrant for the present and act upon the 3rd article

4^{ly} The vote being put to see the minds of the Town whether the highest bidder shall have his choice of the stable Ground as staked out by the Towns committee, it pafs^d in the affirmative

5^{ly} Voted to take up the 2nd Article in the warrant respecting the Stable ground

6^{ly} Voted to pafs over the 2nd Article in the warrant

7^{ly} Voted that the Town Treafurer be directed to pay back the dollar to the purchafer, that they advanced upon the bid on the Pew they Purchafed at Vendue and was afterwards flung up by them in Confequence of the meeting houfe being removed,

8^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting to Munday the 14th of this Inth Nov^r at one oClock in the afternoon at the meeting houfe in said Town

Nov^r 14. 1796 The Town meet according to adjornment

[11] 9^{ly} Voted to take up the 2nd article in the warrant

10^{ly} Voted to accept the report of the Committee that Laid out the Stable Ground

Here follow the report of the Committee (viz)

We of the Committee do hereby agree that the Stables by the Meeting Houfe in Fitchburg may be.—Ten the south of the Meeting Houfe begining at the corner of John Putnum Ju^{rs} land and runing East one hundred feet on Land of Benj^a Danforth, and more if needed; also their may be twenty three Stables west of the meeting houfe, begining at the County Road and runing mostly North One hundred & Sixty feet on Cap^t William Browns line, then making an Angle and runing partly Northwest Seventy feet on said Browns Land, And we likewise agree

that the said Stables to be ten feet Square on the Ground, and with a jet roof the fore side five feet, this is our Opinon Considering what Conveniences the Town has

signed by John Goodridge
 Kendal Boutell
 Benj^a Marhall
 William Brown

Here follows a request of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg —

To the Inhabitants of Fitchburg assembled in Town meeting for the purpose of hereing and determining the matter respecting building Stables at the New Meeting house as their has ben many modes adopted but not Etablished as yet.

We the Subscribers being Inhabitants of said Town that will convene in one road to the meeting house, Do desire and request of the Town that we may be accomodated together on one plat of ground for the building of Stables, which is on the Common Northwesterly from said meeting House, bounded on Cap^t W^m Browns Land near to the Road we shall travel to the Meeting house so as not to incumber or discommode the Road, or Common, or a fair Prospect to the meeting house from the road we travel to Convene for Worship. This granted though expencive for building may raife our Esteam and give us better feelings Brethren. Nov^r. 14th 1796. Signed by —

Phinehas Hartwell
 Thomas Thurston
 Stephen Thurston
 Abraham Farwell
 Ebn^r. Thurston
 Edward Scott
 Aaron Wheeler
 Ephraim Hartwell
 Phinehas Allen
 Ebenezer Hutchinsof
 John Scott
 Jacob Burnap

11^{ly} Voted that their request be so far granted as to give them liberty to build Stables agreable to the towns vote, on fifty feet of ground lying at the North End of the hundred & sixty feet on the Towns Land if their is some Sufficient on the Towns Land so as not to intrude on the road.

12^{ly} Voted to Chuse a committee to sell by Vendue, the choice of the Stable ground laid out on the Towns Land agreable to the forth vote pafs^d on this warrant

13^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three.

14^{ly} Voted & chose M^r: Afa Perry, M^r: Paul Wetherbee, & Cap^t: Benj^o: Marshall

15^{ly} Voted that the Stable Ground be sold next Monday at One oClock at Miss Cowdin.

16 The vote being put to see whether the Town will order the Treasurer to pay back to their teachers of all those persons, their money, that they have paid towards the Support of the Ministry who ware formally cleared as Baptists and have ben taxed since the year 1791 now belonging to the Town of Fitchburg, that now profeses to be Baptist, And also all those Methodist since they Joined that order, Each order bringing a Certificate agreable to the vote of the Town, The Baptists & Methodist laying no Claim for the Expences the Town has ben at for M^r: Paysons being dismised, & for the Expence of building the New meeting house. And it Pafs^d in the affirmitive

17. Voted to disolve this meeting

Sam^l: Gibson Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[12] Worcester. fs. To M^r: Abijah Goodridge one of the Contables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County

Greeting

(Seal) These Are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to direct you in due Corfe of
Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town that are Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the Meeting house on Munday the ninth Day of January next

at one oClock. P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles: (viz)

first To chufe a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will here and Except the report of their Committee chofen to inspect the Building of the New meeting houfe or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper

3^y To see if the Town will dedicate the New Meeting houfe or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4^y To see if the Town will here and Grant the request of Abraham Willard and others or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper.

5^y To see if the Town will here and Grant the petition of Ruth Smith wife of Ephraim Smith or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned, given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord 1796.

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of s^d Town Quallified as theirin Exprefs^d to meet at the time and place and for the Purpofes within mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Jan^y 9th 1797

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 9th of January 1797

1st Voted and chofe Deacon Kendel Boutell Moderator

2nd Voted to adjorn this meeting to the houfe of the Widow Cowdins for ten minutes.

The Town meet according to adjornment

3rd Voted to pafs over the 2nd & 3rd article in the warrant for the present and take up the forth article and act upon it.

4^y It was moved and seconded, To see if the Town will answer the request of M^r Abraham Willard & others so far as to pay back all the money that they requested in their petition. And it pass^d in the Negative.

5^y It was moved & seconded, To see if the Town will grant the Petition of M^r Abraham Willard and others; It pass^d in the Negative.

6^y It was moved and Seconded, That M^r David Macintire and M^r Elijah Macintire be put upon the same footing respecting the Towns paying back their Minister taxes so far back as the Town voted to pay M^r Samuel Gibson and have settled with him accordingly. and it pass^d in the affirmative.

[13] 7^y Voted to take up the second article in the warrant

8—Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting the acceptance of the New meeting house agreeable to the Committees report which is as follows—(viz)

The committee chose by the Town of Fitchburg to inspect the building of the Meeting House have attended on that business and beg leave to report (viz)

That it is the opinion of the Subscribers that as far as the work is done it is agreeable to contract.

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The contractor hereby Engages to do the remainder of the work agreeable to contract

John Putnum Ju^r

9th Voted to Dedicate the New Meeting house . . .

10^y Voted that on Thursday the 19th day of the present month at half past Eleven oClock be the time appointed to dedicate the New meeting house

11^y Voted that The Rev^d M^r Adams be requested to preach the Sermon at the Dedication

12—Voted that the Deacons be a committee to request M^r Adams to Preach the Sermon and likewise to invite the other Neighbouring ministers to attend at the same time.

13th Voted that Cap^t Will^m Brown Entertain the ministers on the Day of Dedication.

14—Voted to grant Mr^s Ruth Smith the wife of Eph^r Smith her request which is as follows viz

To the Selectmen of Fitchburg Gentlemen I desire considering my deplorable Situation being turned out into the World, without house or home to git a living by the work of my hands, not wishing to be chargeable to you or any other place, I therefore pray that the Town would relinquish all right or claim that they might have on the Estate real and Personal of my Hon. Mother which will belong to me at her decease for the Maintainence of My husband Eph^r Smith.

Rutland Nov^r 1st 1796 Ruth Smith.

15^y Voted that the Saxton or the person that hath the care of the meeting house be directed to open the meeting house Doors to the Baptist and Methodist and their Teachers at such times as the Congregational part of the Town do not want to use said House, untill the further order of the Town.

16^y Voted to disolve this meeting.

Kendol Boutell Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[14] Daniel Farwell's Deed

Know all men by these Presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town, In consideration of Sixty Seven Dollars paid by Daniel Farwell of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Daniel Farwell by virtue of authority vested in me by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 a certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 2 agreable to the Plan of said Pews on the lower floor.

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to

the said Daniel his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Daniel his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Daniel, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Daniel, his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned authority have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Ebn^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, seald, and delivered

in prefence of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Israel Turner.

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Ebn^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me . . . Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d y^e 24th Jan^y 1797 And Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Kendol Boutell's Deed

Know all men by these presents That I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town in consideration of One hundred and Ten dollars paid by Kendol Boutell of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Gentleman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Kendol Boutell by virtue of Authority vested in me, by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 Two certain Pews in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 4 and N^o 12 on the lower Floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews. To have and

to hold the afore-granted Premises to the said Kindol his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Kendol his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted Premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Kindol, And that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Kindol his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Ebu^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned authority have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and deliverd
in preface of us —
Israel Turner
John Thurston Ju^r

Worcester, fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed

Before me . . Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace.

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[15] James Pool^r Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for s^d Town In consideration of Thirty three Dollars & fifty Cents paid by James Pool of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said James Pool by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Asssembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in s^d Fitchburg N^o 24 on the lower Floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold

the afore-granted premises to the said James his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said James his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said James, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said James his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treas^r (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in prefence of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Israel Turner.

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above infrement to be his free act and Deed before me Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Joseph Downe^s Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for s^d Town in consideration of Twenty Eight Dollars and Sixty Seven Cents paid by Joseph Downe of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Joseph Downe by virtue of authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the Tenth day of March 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 20 on the lower Floor

agreable to the Plan of said Town as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joseph, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and deli^d

in preface of us

John Thurston Jun^r

Israel Turner

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797. Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above infrement to be his free Act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[16] Joseph Low Jun^r Deed

Know all men by these presents, that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for said Town, In consideration of Fifty six Dollars paid by Joseph Low Jun^r of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph Low Jun^r by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March

AD. 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 7 on the lower Floor, agreeable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Joseph And that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have here unto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in preface of us —

Paul Wetherbee

John Thurston Jun^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed before me . . . Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Joseph Fox,s Deed

Know all men by these presents, that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treasurer for said Town, In consideration of Forty Six dollars & fifty Cents paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Esq^r The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph Fox Esq^r by Virtue of Authority Vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Affembled on the Tenth day of March

AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 11, on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the said Joseph his heirs and affigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and afsigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joseph, and that I will warrant and defend the same premiſes to the said Joseph his heirs and affigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all Persons. In witnefs whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by Virtue of authority above mentioned, have here unto sett my hand and Seal this twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in presence of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Daniel Putnum Ju^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston perfonally appeared and aeknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act & Deed before me. Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[17] Israel Turner^s Deed

Know all men by these presents, That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Maffachufetts, Yeoman, & Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Thirty four Dollars lawfull money paid by Israel Turner of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Gentleman, The receipt whereof I do hereby aeknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Israel Turner by virtue of authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of

March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 29, on the lower floor, agreable to a Plan of the Pews as the are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Israel his heirs and assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Israel his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Israel, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Israel his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the authority above mentioned, have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth Day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in preface of us —

John Thurston Ju^r

Moses Hale.

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Intrement to be free act and Deed — before me,

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Kendol Boutell Jun^r Deed

Know all men by these presents, That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Thirty four Dollars & thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Kendol Boutell Ju^r of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Kendol Boutell Jun^r By Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants

Affembled on the Tenth day of March 1795, A certain Pew in the New meeting houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 25 on the lower floor agreable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built. To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the said Kendol his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Kendol his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Kendol, and that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Kendol his heirs and assigns, forever, against the Lawfull Claims and demands of all Persons. In witness whereof I the Eben^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, & delivered

in prefence of us —

Israel Turner

John Thurston Ju^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[18] Hannah Cowdins Deed

Know all men by these presents, That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Sixty six Dollars & fifty Cents Lawfull money paid by Hannah Cowdin of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Hannah Cowdin by Virtue

of Authority Vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 3 agreeable to the Plan of said Pews, as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Hannah her heirs and assigns to her and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Hannah her heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell and convey the Same to the said Hannah, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Hannah, her heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all Persons. In witness whereof the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned Authority, have here unto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven in presence of us

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in prefence of us

John Thurston Jun^r

John Goodridge.

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 26th 1797 And recorded by —

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Thomas Cowdins Deed

Know all men by these presents, that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town in consideration of Forty three Dollars lawfull money paid by Tho^s Cowdin of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell

and convey unto the said Thomas Cowdin by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Asssembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 16 on the lower floor agreeable to the plan of said Pews, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Thomas his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Thomas, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all Persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned, have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth Day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in preface of us —

John Goodridge

Angier Cowdin

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 26th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[19] Angier Cowdins Deed

Know all men by these presets, That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town, In consideration of Eighteen Dollars lawfull money paid by Angier Cowdin of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Laborour, The receipt

whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Angier Cowdin by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 8, in the Gallery agreeable to the Plan of the Pews, as they are now built. To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Angier his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Angier his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Angier, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Angier his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in presence of us —

John Goodridge

Abijah Goodridge

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 26th 1797 And recorded by.—

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

David Hodgkins Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town in Consideration of Forty one dollars & fifty Cents

lawfull money paid by David Hodgkins of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said, Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said David Hodgkins by virtue of authority vested in me by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD. 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 14 on the lower floor agreable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built. To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said David his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said David his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfull Seized in fee of the afore granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said David, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said David his heirs and assigns, forever, against the Lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have here unto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed and delivered

in prefence of us.

Thomas Gibson

Peter Snow.

Worcester fs. April 3rd 1797 the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d April 3rd 1797 and Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[20] Aaron Eaton Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebene^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman and Treafurer for said

Town, In consideration of Eighteen dollars and fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Aaron Eaton of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Aaron Eaton by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Asembled on the Tenth day of March 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting House in said Fitchburg N^o 25 in the Gallery agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Aaron his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Aaron his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted premiffes; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Aaron, And that I will warrant and defend the same premiffes to the said Aaron his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Ebne^r Thurston by Virtue of Authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand and and Seal this twenty forth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven
Ebne^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Seald and delivered
in prefence of us.
Thomas Gibson
Peter Snow

Worcester fs. April 3rd 1797 Then the above named Ebne^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me,
Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace.

Rec^d 21st April 1797 and recorded by
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Jonathan Woods Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebne^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said

Town, In confideration of Fifty One dollars & fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Jonathan Wood of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Gentleman, The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Jon^s Wood by virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 a certain Pew in the New meeting Houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 8 on the lower floor agreable to the Plan of said Pews, — To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the said Jonathan his heirs and Affigns to his and their Ufe and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Jonathan his heirs and Affigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted premifes; that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Jonathan, and that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Jonathan his heirs and affigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witnels whereof I the said Ebn^t Thurston by virtue of the authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand and seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety seven.

Eben^t Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd seald and delivered

in prefence of us.

David Pratt

John Thurston Ju^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 then the above named Eben^t Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace.

Rec^d May 18th 1797 & recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[21] Tho^s Cowdin to Blany Phillips Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Cowdin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman—In confideration

of Fourteen dollars thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Blany Phillips of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant, sell and convey unto the said Blany Phillips, One third part of Pew N^o 16 on the lower flower in the New meeting house, that is one half of pew N^o 17 as they are now built To have and to hold the afore granted premifes to the said Blany his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Blany his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Blany, and that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Blany his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all persons in witnefs whereof I the said Thomas Cowdin have here unto set my hand and Seal this eight day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Seven.

Tho^s Cowdin (Seal)

Signd sealed and delivered
in prefence of us.

Seth Phillips

Robert Sampson

Worcester fs August 21st 1797 then the above named Thomas Cowdin perfonally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

Rec^d 21st Aug^t 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Jon^a Wood to Blany Phillips.

Know all men by these presents that I Jonathan Wood of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Gentleman, In confideration of Seventeen dollars and Seventeen Cents paid by Blany Phillips of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, The recpt^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge Do hereby grant sell and convey unto the said

Blany Phillips half of the Pew in the New Meeting houfe now numbered Seventeen in said Fitchburg on the lower flour not according to the plan of said pews it being one third of number eight the west End according to the plan

To have and to hold the afore granted premifes to the said Blany his heirs and assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever that I have good right to sell the same to the said Blany, And that I will Warrant and defend the Same premifes to the said Blany his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Jonathan Wood have hereunto set my hand and Seal this April 6th day in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Seven

Jonathan Wood (Seal)

Signd Seald & deliverd
in prefence of

Simeon Farwell
James Cowdin

Worcester. fs: April 6th 1797 Then the above Jonathan Wood personally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act & Deed before

Israel Turner Justice of peace

[22] Thomas Eaton, to Robert Sampson a Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Tho^s Eaton of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman

In confideration of Twenty One dollars lawfull money paid by Robert Sampson of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman.

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Robert Sampson The one half of a Certain Pew in the New meeting houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 44 on the lower flour quantity & quallity, To have and to hold the afore-granted premiffes to the said Robert his heirs and assigns to his and there Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Robert that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes; that they are free of all incumbrances;

that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Robert and that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Robert his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Tho^s Eaton have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty first day of August In the year One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Thomas Eaton (Seal)

Signd Sealed & deliverd

in prefence of—

Tho^s Cowdin

Aaron Wheeler

Worcester. fs, August 21st 1797 Then the above named Thomas Eaton personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act & Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d Aug^t 21st 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Stephen Thurston Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebn^t Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman & Treafurer for s^d Town In consideration of Forty two dollars & fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Stephen Thurston of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman—

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Stephen Thurston by virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled the Tenth day of March AD. 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 41 on the lower Floor agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Stephen his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Stephen his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell and convey

the Same to the said Stephen. And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the s^d Stephen his heirs and assigns forever; against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered
in prefence of us —

John Thurston Ju^r

John Putnum Ju^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 then the above named Ebenezer Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed — before me
Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d August 24th 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[23] John Thurston Jun^r a Deed

Know all Men by these presents, That I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town — In consideration of Thirty six dollars & Sixty Seven cents lawfull money paid by John Thurston Ju^r of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said John Thurston Ju^r by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants asssembled the tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 49 on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said John his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said John his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the

afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said John, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said John his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Ebenezer Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned, have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven, . . . Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd sealed and delivered

in prefence of . . .

Jonathan Wood

Paul Wetherbee

Worcester fs January 24th 1797 Then the above named Ebne^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d Nov^r 14th 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Thomas Thurston Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treasurer for said Town In consideration of Forty four dollars lawfull money paid by Thomas Thurston of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said, Gentleman, The recp^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Thomas Thurston by virtue of Authority Vested in me by a vote of s^d Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants, assembled on the Tenth day of March 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 37 on the lower Floor agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built . . .

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Thomas his heirs and Assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of

the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Thomas, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all Persons In witness whereof I the said Ebn^r. Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned, have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Eben^r. Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered—

in prefence of

John Thurston Ju^r.

John Goodridge

Worcester. fs: January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r. Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free Act and Deed before me Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d 29th Nov^r 1797 and Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[24] Ephraim Kimboll^s. Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebne^r. Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman — and Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Thirty Seven dollars & thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Ephraim Kimboll of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant, Sell and convey unto the said Ephraim Kimboll by virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the Tenth day of March AD. 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 42. on the lower floor agreeable to the plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Ephraim his heirs and Assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Ephraim his heirs and Assigns, that

I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to Sell und convey the same to the said Ephraim, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Ephraim his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Ebne^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand & seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Ebne^r Thurston Treasurer. (Seal)

Signd Seald & deliverd
in prefence of us.

Worcester. fs: December 30th 1797 Then the above named Ebne^r Thurston personally appeared & acknowledged the above Instrument to me his free act and Deed before me
Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d 30th December 1797 and recorded by
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Ebne^r Thurston^s Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Fox of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Esq^r & Clerk for said Town of Fitchburg In consideration of Fifty six dollars & Eighty three cents lawfull money paid by Ebne^r Thurston of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman, The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant, sell and convey unto the said Ebne^r Thurston by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled the eighteenth day of May 1797, Two certain Pews in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg viz N^o 32 on the lower floor, And N^o 26 in the Gallery agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Ebne^r Thurston his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever And I do covenant with the said Ebne^r Thurston his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted Premises; that they are

free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Eben^r. Thurston, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Eben^r. his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all Persons. In witness whereof I the said Joseph Fox by virtue of the Authority above mentioned—have herunto Set my hand and Seal this twenty Eighth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk (Seal)

Signd Seaid & delivered

in prefence of us —

Zacheus Farwell

Thomas Gibson.

Worcester. fs: December 30th 1797 Then the above named Joseph Fox Esq^r. personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d 30 December 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[25] Joseph Fox^s Deed

Know all men by these present That I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treasurer for said Town, In consideration of Fifty dollars lawfull money paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg afore said Esq^r. The recep^t. whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph Fox by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 Two Certain Pews in the New Meeting Houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 47 on the lower flower & N^o 15 in the Gallery

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Joseph his his and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and Assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all in-

cumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joseph, And that I will warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Joseph his heirs and Assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Ebenezer Thurston by Virtue of Authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand and Seal this First day of January In the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Eight. Ebenezer Thurston Treafurer — (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, & delivered

in preface of us,

Abraham Willard

Oliver Fox

Worcester, fs, March 12th 1798 then the above named Ebne^r Thurston personally appeared and Acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free Act and Deed Before me — Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d March 12th 1798 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Daniel M. Stearns Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town in confideration of Forty dollars & thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Daniel. M. Stearns of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Daniel. M. Stearns by virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March AD. 1795 a certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 10 on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Daniel his heirs and Assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Daniel his heirs and Assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incum-

brances; that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Daniel, and that I will warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Daniel his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all Persons, In witness whereof, I the said Ebenezer Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned, have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered

in prefence of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Moses Hale

Worcester fs January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peice

Rec^d Jan^y 3rd 1799 and recored by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[26] Joseph Fox Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Daniel. M. Stearns of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, In consideration of Sixty Six dollars & Sixty Six Cents paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg afore said Esq^t the receipt^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Joseph Fox, A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o Ten on the lower flour, To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and Assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Joseph Fox and that I will warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said

Daniel. M. Stearns have hereunto Set my hand and Seal
this third Day of January in the year of our Lord One
thoufand Seven hundred & ninety nine

Daniel. M. Stearns (Seal)

I confent Mary Stearns . . . (Seal)

Signd Seald & delivered
in prefence of—

Daniel Putnam

Jacob Gibson

Jonathan Davis

Worcester fs January 3rd 1799 then Daniel M. Stearns
personally appeared and acknowledged the above infre-
ment to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peice

Rec^d 4th of Janry 1799 & recored by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Daniel. M. Stearns Deed

Know all men by these presents that I, Joseph Fox of
Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Common-
wealth of Maffachufetts Esq^r In confideration of Sixty
dollars paid by Daniel M. Stearns of Fitchburg afore said
Yeoman, The recp^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do
hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Daniel
M. Stearns A certain Pew in the New meeting houfe in
said Fitchburg Number Forty Seven on the lower floor,
To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the
said Daniel his heirs and affigns to his and their Ufe and
behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Daniel his
heirs and affigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the
afore-granted premifes; that they are free of all incum-
brances; that I have good right to sell and convey the
same to the said Daniel, and that I will warrant and
defend the Same premifes to the said Daniel his heirs and
Affigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands
of all persons. In witnefs whereof I the said Joseph Fox
have hereunto set my hand & seal this third day of Jann-
ary in the year of Our Lord One thoufand Seven hundred
& ninety nine.

Joseph Fox (Seal)

Signed Sealed & delivered

in presence of—

Daniel Putnum

Jacob Gibson.

Worcester fs January 3rd 1799 then Joseph Fox above named, personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed— before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 4th 1799. & recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[27] John Carter Jun^{rs} Deed

Know all men by these presents, that Angier Cowdin of Fitchburg in County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman, in Consideration of Eighteen Dollars lawful Money, paid by John Carter of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth aforefaid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, & convey unto the said John Carter Jun^r A Certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 8, in the Gallery—To have & to hold the afore granted premises to the said John, his heirs, & Assigns, to his & their use and Behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said John, his Heirs, and Assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises; That they are free of all Incumbrances; That I have good right to sell and Convey the same to the said John— And that I will warrant & defend the same Premises to the said John his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful Claims and Demands of all Persons in Witness whereof I the said Angier Cowdin have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Eleventh Day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. Angier Cowdin (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, & Delivered

in presents of Us

Daniel Putnam

John Thurston Jun^r

Worcester ff. January 15th 1799 Then the above named Angier Cowdin personally appeared and acknowl-

edged the Above Instrument to be his free Act & Deed —
before me Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Recd^d Jany 15th 1799 & recorded for
Joseph Fox Town Clerk
Oliver Fox

[28] Daniel Putnam's Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town In consideration of fifty Six dollars lawfull money paid by Daniel Putnam of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Esq^r. The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Daniel Putnum Esq^r by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 9 on the lower floor, agreeable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built,

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Daniel his heirs and Assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Daniel his heirs and Assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to Sell and convey the Same to the said Daniel, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Daniel his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all Persons, in witness whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned Authority have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered
in prefence of
Jonathan Wood
David Pratt.

Worcester. fs. January 3rd 1798 then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed before me —
Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d April 2nd 1799. and Recorded by
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Joseph Fox^s Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebnezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treasurer for said Town, In consideration of Twenty five dollars & Eighty four Cents lawfull money paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg in the County & commonwealth aforesaid Esq^r. The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph Fox by virtue of Authority vested in me by vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March 1795, A certain Pew in the New meeting house N^o 1. in the Gallery agreeable to the plan of the Pews as they are now built.

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Joseph Fox his heirs and Assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Joseph Fox, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & ninety nine

Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and deliv^d

in presence of

Sally Cook

Lydia T. Allen

Worcester fs. Sep^r 4th 1799 The above named Ebn^r Thurston personally acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Israel Turner Justis of the Peace

Recorded y^e 16th Oct^r 1799 by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[29] Seth Phillips Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town —

In confideration of Sixty four dollars & thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Seth Phillips of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Gentleman

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Seth Phillips by virtue of Authority Vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 A Certain Pew in the New Meeting house houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 5 on the lower floor agreable to the Plan of s^d Pews as they are now built To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the said Seth his heirs and affigns to his and their Ufe and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Seth his heirs and affigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes, that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to sell & convey the same to the said Seth, and that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Seth his heirs and Affigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witnefs whereof, I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned authority have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord One thoufand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Ebn^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered

in prefence of us.

Peter Snow

Tho^s Gibson

Worcester. fs: April 6th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared & acknowledged the above Intrement to be his free Act & Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

Rec^d March 10th 1800 & recorded

Joseph Fox Town Clerk —

Seth Phillips Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Solomon Day of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Sadler, in consideration of thirteen dollars & Eighty Seven Cents paid by Seth Phillips of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Gentleman — The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Seth Phillips half a certain Pew in the New meeting house in Fitchburg N^o 46 on the lower floor, To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Seth his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Seth his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Seth, and I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Seth his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Solomon Day have here unto Set my hand and Seal this Second day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety nine

Solomon Day (Seal)

Signd, Seald & delivered

in prefence of us

Samuel Derby

Jonas Marhall

Worcester. fs; March 3rd 1800 then the above named Solomon Day Personally appeared and acknowledged the above Intrement by him Subscribed to be his free act & Deed — before Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

Rec^d March 10th 1800 & recored by

Joseph Town Clerk.

[30] Eben^r Thurston Treafurer^s Deed to Nehemiah Fuller

Know all men by these presents That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman In consideration of Forty two Dollars lawfull money paid by Nehemiah Fuller of Fitchburg afore said, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Nehemiah Fuller, by Virtue of Authority Vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 40 on the lower floor. To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Nehemiah his heirs and Affigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Nehemiah his heirs and Affigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises: That they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Nehemiah, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Nehemiah his heirs and affigns, forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by Virtue of Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and Seal this first day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety Eight.

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered,

in prefence of us,

Sally Purkins

Lydia T. Allen

Worcester fs March 17th 1800 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston Personally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free Act and Deed — before me
Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

Rec^d March 17th 1800 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer^s Deed to Verin Daniels

Know all men by these presents that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town In consideration of forty One dollars & fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Verin Daniels of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman —

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Verin Daniels by virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 a certain Pew in the meeting houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 30 on the lower floor, agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Verin his heirs and Affigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Verin his heirs and Affigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Verin, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Verin his heirs and affigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety Seven,

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered

in prefence of us

Peter Snow

Tho^s Gibson.

Worcester. fs April 3rd 1797 then the above named Ebn^r Thurston Town Treafurer acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

[31] Eben^r Thurston Treafurers Deed to Solomon Day

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Common-

wealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, & Treafurer for said Town, In consideration of Thirty dollars & fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Solomon Day of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Sadler The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Solomon Day by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 A Certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 46 on the lower floor agreable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built,

To have and to hold the afore granted premifes to the said Solomon his heirs and affigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the Said Solomon his heirs and Affigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to Sell and convey the Same to the said Solomon, And that I will warrant and defend the Same premifes to the said Solomon his heirs and Affigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all Persons, In witness whereof I the said Ebenezer Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety Seven,

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered

in pefence of us,

Peter Snow

John Putnam Jun^r

Worcester. fs. April 7th 1800 Then the above named Ebenezer Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free Act and Deed—before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d y^e 14th April 1800 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Solomon Day^r Deed to Jonas Marhall

Know all men by these presents that I Solomon Day of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Common-

wealth of Massachusetts Sadler, In consideration of fifteen dollars paid by Jonas Marshall of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid Phys—an the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Jonas Marshall to him and his heirs and assigns forever One half of a certain Pew in the meeting house in said Fitchburg Number forty Six on the lower floor agreeable to the plan of the Pews as they are now built

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Jonas Marshall his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Jonas his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances: that I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Jonas, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises; to the said Jonas his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof, I the said Solomon Day have hereunto set my hand and Seal March twenty first in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred

Solomon Day (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered

in prence of us

Amos Putnam

John Carter Junr

Worcester: fs: April 7th 1800 Then the above named Solomon Day personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrement to be his free act and deed

Before me Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Recd 17th May 1800 and recored by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[32] Ebenr Thurston Treafurer Deed to Kendal Bouttell Junr

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town, in consideration of Twenty Dollars and fifty Cents

lawfull money paid by Kendal Boutell Jun^r of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Kendal Boutell Jun^r by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Asssembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 10 in the Gallery—

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Kendoll his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Kendoll his heirs and Assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Kindoll, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Kindall his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand and Seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety eight . . . Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, sealed, and delivered

in presence of us

Edw^d Durant

John R. Kemp

Worcester. fs April y^e 7th 1800 then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared & acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d May 8th 1801 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Paul Wetherbee Treafurer^s Deed to Thomas French

Know all men by these Presents that I Paul Wetherbee of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for said Town, in Consideration of Forty Seven dollars lawfull money paid by Thomas French of Fitchburg afore said

Blacksmith the Reep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, Do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Thomas French by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the inhabitants, afsembled on the tenth Day of March AD. 1795, A certain pue in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 35 on the lower floor,

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever; and I do covenant with the said Thomas his heirs & assigns that I am Lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good Right to sell and convey the same to the said Thomas and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Thomas his heirs & assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witnefs whereof I the said Paul Wetherbee by virtue of the authority above mentioned have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twentyeth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & two

Paul Wetherbee Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered

in preface of us —

Robert Hawes

James Wares

Worcester. fs. February 5th 1802 Then the above named Paul Wetherbee personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement by him Subscribed to be his free act and Deed before

Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d the 22nd Febr^y 1802 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[33] Polly Hodgskin Deed to David Boutell

Know all men by these presents that I Polly Hodgskin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Administratrix on the Estate of David Hodgskin late of Fitchburg dees^d and by virtue of

an order of Court of Common pleas in said County on munday next preceeding the fourth tuesday of March AD 1801, for and in consideration of the sum of Forty dollars paid by David Boutell of Fitchburg afore said Gentleman, the rec^t: whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said David Boutell by virtue of the authority vested in me, A certain Pew in the New meeting house in Said Fitchburg N^o 14 on the lower Floor agreeable to the plan of said Pews as they are built,

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said David Boutell his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever, and I the said Polly Hodgskin, as Administratrix to the said David Hodgskin, and by order of said Court of Common pleas, do covenant to and with the said David Boutell his heirs and assigns that before the Enfealing hereof that I have in myself good right full power & lawfull authority to sell and convey said Pew in manner as afore said and that he the said David Boutell his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter by force and virtue of these presents peaceably and quietly Occupy possess and enjoy the afore mentioned Pew, and that I will warrant and defend the said Pew to the said David Boutell his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof I the said Polly Hodgskin, as Administratrix and the power I am invested with have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this eighth day of may in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and One Polly Hodgkin Adm^x (Seal)

Signd Seald & delivered

in prefence of Us —

Nelly Brown

Joseph Fox

Worcester, fs. May 11th 1801 then the above named Polly Hodgskins personally appeared & acknowledged the above Instrument by her Subscribed to be her free act & deed before — Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d Sep^r: 7th 1801 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[34] Paul Wetherbee Treafurer Deed to Joseph Fox

Know all men by these presents that I Paul Wetherbee of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town, in confideration of One hundred & five dollars & Seventeen Cents lawfull money paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg afore said Esq^r: The recp^t: whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant Sell and convey unto the said Joseph Fox by virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795, Three certain Pews in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg (viz) N^o: 1 on the lower Flour N^o: 11 & N^o: 24 on the uper flour

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Joseph, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Paul Wetherbee by virtue of the authority above mentioned have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of January In the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & two.

Paul Wetherbee Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, sealed & delivered

in prefence of us . . .

Seeloma Wetherbee

Peter Snow.

Worcester: fs: March y^e: 11th 1802 Then the above named Paul Wetherbee personally acknowledged the above Infrement by him Subscribed to be his free act and Deed before me . . . Israel Turner Justis of the peace

Rec^d: March 14th 1802 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Ebene^r Thurston Treafurer Deed to Eliſha Chamberlin.

Know all men by theſe preſents, That I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worceſter & Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts Yeoman & Treafurer for ſaid Town in conſideration of Forty Dollars & fifty cents lawfull money paid by Eliſha Chamberlin of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore ſaid Yeoman.

The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the ſaid Eliſha Chamberlin by virtue of Authority veſted in me by a Vote of ſaid Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants aſſembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting houſe in ſaid Fitchburg N^o 36 on the lower floor agreeable to the of the Pews as they are Now built,

To have and to hold the afore granted premiſes to the ſaid Eliſha his heirs and aſſigns to his & their Uſe and Behoof forever and I do covenant with the ſaid Eliſha his heirs and aſſigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted premiſes; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to ſell and convey the ſame to the ſaid Eliſha, and that I will warrant and defend the ſame premiſes to the ſaid Eliſha his heirs & aſſigns forever, againſt the lawfull Claims and demands of all perſons, In witneſs whereof I the ſaid Ebene^r Thurston by Virtue of the Authority above mentioned, have hereunto ſet my hand and Seal this twenty fourth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thouſand Seven hundred & ninety Seven.

Ebene^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered

in preſence of us —

Thomas Gibſon

Peter Snow

Worceſter ſs June 20th 1803 then the above named Ebene^r Thurston acknowledged the above Inſtument to be his free act & Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Juſtice of the Peace

Rec^d June 20th 1803 and recorded by

Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

[35] Elisha Chamberlins Deed to Nathan Ordway.

Know all men by these presents That I Elisha Chamberlin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts Yeoman, In consideration of Thirty dollars paid me by Nathan Ordway of the same Fitchburg Cooper, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Nathan Ordway and to his heirs and Afsigns, A certain Pew in Fitchburg meeting house on the lower floor being N^o 36 being the same Pew that was Deeded to me by Ebn^r Thurston on the twenty fourth day of January AD. 1797 —

To have and to hold the same to the said Nathan Ordway and to his heirs and afsigns to his and their use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Nathan Ordway and with his heirs and afsigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the premifes, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Nathan Ordway and to his heirs and affigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, In witnefs whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this twentyeth day of June in the year of our Lord One thoufand Eight hundred & three.

Elisha Chamberlin (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered

in presence of us —

Peter Snow

Daniel Putnam.

Worcester: fs: June 20th 1803 Elisha Chamberlin above named acknowledged this infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Jus. Pacis.

Rec^d June 20th 1803 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Ebn^r Thurstons Treafurers Deed to Ezra Ritter.

Know all men by these presents that I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town, in consideration of Seventeen Dollars lawfull money

paid by Ezra Ritter of Fitchburg afore said, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Ezra Ritter by virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Assembled on the tenth day of March AD. 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 7 in the Gallery.

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Ezra his heirs and assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Ezra, his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Ezra, and that I will warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Ezra his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Eben^e Thurston by virtue of authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand & seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. Eben^e Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered

in presence of us

Sam^l Worcester

Eliphelet Perley

Worcester, fs. Nov^r y^e 18th 1799 then the above named Eben^e Thurston personally acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed — before me.

Israel Turner Justice of the peace.

Rec^d y^e 17th August 1803 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[36] Paul Wetherbee^s Treafurer^s Deed to Phinehas Allen

Know all men by these presents, that I Paul Wetherbee of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for said Town, in consideration of Twenty dollars & fifty Cents paid by Phinehas Allen of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman,

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby, give, grant, sell & convey unto the said Phinehas Allen, by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March AD. 1795, A certain pew in the new meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 5 in the gallery.

To have and hold the afore said premises to the said Phinehas his heirs and assigns to his and their behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Phinehas his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Phinehas, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Phinehas, his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Paul Wetherbee by virtue of the authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand & seal this twenty fourth day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & three

Paul Wetherbee (Seal)

In presence of us

John Goodridge

Joseph Fox

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg Oct^r 24th 1803 Then the above named Paul Wetherbee personally appeared and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free Act and Deed.

Before me Joseph Fox Justice of the peace

Rec^d 24th Oct^r 1803 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Daniel. M. Stearns Deed to George W. Chaplin

Know all men by these presents that I Daniel. M. Stearns of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, In consideration of Thirty dollars paid by George. W. Chaplin of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman, The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto

the said George. W. Chaplin and his heirs and assigns, a certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg afore said, Number forty Seven on the Lower floor.

To have and to hold the same to the said George his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said George W. Chaplin his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Daniel. M. Stearns have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and four

Daniel. M. Stearns (Seal)

Mary Stearns — (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered
in prefence of
Israel Turner
Abigail Turner

Worcester, fs. Oct: y^e 4th 1804 then Daniel. M. Stearns the above named acknowledged this Intrement to be his free act & Deed.

Before me Israel Turner Justis of the peace

Rec^d 23rd September 1805 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[37] Jon^a & Asa Woods Deed, to Selvinus Lapham

Know all men by these present, that We Jonathan Wood of Westmoreland in the County of Cheshire and State of New-Hampshire Gentleman, and Asa Wood of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts Clock maker, in consideration of Thirty five dollars lawfull money paid us by Selvinus Lapham of Fitchburg aforesaid Yeoman.—the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Selvinus Lapham, his heirs and assigns, One Pew on the lower floor in the meeting house belonging to the first parish in said Fitchburg, it being N^o 8 as they are now numbered.

To have and to hold the same to the said Selvinus

Lapham his heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully Seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that we will warrant and defend the same to the said Selvinus Lapham, his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands, and Seals this Sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & Six.

Jonathan Wood (Seal)

Asa Wood (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in presence of —

George Wood

Elijah M^cIntire

Daniel Newhal.

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg April 17th 1806 personally appeared Jonathan Wood & Asa Wood the above named, acknowledged this Instrument to be their free Act and Deed; before me

Joseph Fox Jus. Pacis.

Rec^d 17th April 1806 and recorded by,

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Know all men by these presents that I, George. W. Chaplin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Sadler, In consideration of Twenty eight dollars paid me by George. S. Putnam, David M^cIntire both of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell, and convey unto the said George. S. Putnam an David M^cIntire their heirs and assigns, a certain Pew in the meeting house in said Fitchburg Number forty Seven on the lower floor.

To have and to hold the same to the said George and David their heirs and assigns to them and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said George and David their heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said George and David, their heirs and assigns for-

ever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of May Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and six.

George. W. Chaplin (Seal)

Lydia Chaplin (Seal)

Sign'd Sealed and delivered

in presence of us —

Peter Snow

Sally Farwell

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg August 13th 1806 Then Geore. W. Chaplin the above named, acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act and Deed

Before me — Joseph Fox Justice of the peace.

Rec^d on the 13th August 1806 and recored by —

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[38] Eben^r Thursto,s Deed to Oliver Fox

Know all Men by these Presents, that I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman & Treasurer for the Calvinistic, Congregational Society in s^d town In consideration of thirty four dollars paid me by Oliver Fox of said Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth aforesaid Gentleman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Oliver Fox his heirs and assigns, By virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Society, at a legal meeting of said Society assembled on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Seven, A certain Pew in said Societies New meeting house N^o 22 on the lower floor Agreeable to the plan of the Pews as they are now built. To have and to hold the same to the said Oliver Fox his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do Covenant with the said Oliver Fox his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to to the said Oliver Fox his heirs and assigns forever, against

the lawfull claims & demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned, have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this twenty second day of January in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand eight hundred & Seven.

Ebn^r Thurston Committee (Seal)

Signed, sealed & delivered

in presence of—

Eph^m Kimball

John Thurston Jun^r

Worcester. fs. January 28th 1807 Eben^r Thurston above named acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act and deed; Before — Daniel Putnam Jus. Pacis.

Rec^d 17th March 1807 and recored.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Aaron Houghtons Deed to Blany Phillips

Know all men by these presents, That I Aaron Houghton of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Carpenter — in Consideration of Thirteen Dollars & fifty cents paid me by Blany Phillips of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth aforesaid Yeoman — the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby Give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Blany Phillips, his heirs and assigns one half of a certain Pew in said towns Meeting house agreeable to the plan of the pews as it is now built — Said Pew is known by the number of twenty two on the lower floor — To have and to hold the same to the said Blany Phillips his Heirs and Assigns to his and their use & behoof forever — And I do covenant with the said Blany Phillips his Heirs & assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Blany Phillips his heirs and assigns forever, against the Lawfull claims and demands of all persons — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of April in the year of our Lord 1809

Aaron Houghton (L. S)

in presence of
Israel Turner
Sylvester T. Flint

Worcester fs April 3^d 1809 then Aaron Houghton
the above named acknowledged this instrument to be his
free act and Deed; before me Israel Turner Jus. Pacis

Rec^d April 3^d 1809 & recorded by
Oliver Fox town Clerk

[39] Ruben Eaton to Benj^a Kemp

Know all men by these presents that I Ruben Eaton
of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth
of Massachusetts Brick Layer — In consideration of twenty
Eight Dollars paid me by Benjamin Kemp of Fitchburg
in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid. Yeoman The
receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge; do hereby give,
grant, sell and convey unto the said Benjamin Kemp his
heirs and assigns a certain Pew in the Calvinistic Con-
gregational Societys meeting house in said town Num-
bered twenty Seven on the lower floor, agreeable to the
plan of Pews as they are now built. To have and to
hold the same to the said Benjamin his heirs and assigns
to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do cove-
nant with the said Benjamin his heirs and assigns that
I am lawfully seized in fee of the premiffes, that they are
free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and
defend the same to the said Benjamin his heirs and assigns
forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all Per-
sons in witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this twenty eighth day of May, in the year of our
Lord Eighteen hundred and Eight Ruben Eaton (L S)

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in presence of us
Oliver Fox
Blany Sampson

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 3: 1809 Then Per-
sonally appeared the above named Ruben Eaton and ae-

knowledged the foregoing instrument by him subscribed to be his free act and Deed

before me Joseph Fox Justice of the Peace.

Reed April 3^d 1809 and recorded by

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Geo. W. Chaplin to Oliver Fox

Know all men by these presents that I George W Chaplin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts saddler, In consideration of ten Dollars, paid by Oliver Fox of the same Fitchburg Gentleman The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant fell and convey unto the said Oliver, his heirs and afsigns, A certain pew in the towns Meeting-house in said Fitchburg Numbered forty Seven on the lower floor. To have and to hold the same to the said Oliver his heirs, and afsigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premifes that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Oliver his heirs and afsigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons In witnefs whereof I the said George W Chaplin have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of October in the year of our Lord 1811

George W. Chaplin (L S)

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

Joseph Cowdin

David Whitmore

Worcester fs. October 31. 1811 Personally appeared the above named Geo W. Chaplin and acknowledged the above written instrument by him subscribed, to be his free act and Deed.

Before me William Cunningham J Jus. Pac.

Reed Oct^r 31. 1811 and recorded by

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[40] Deed Joseph Simonds to Joshua Peirce

Know all men by these presents, that I Joseph Simonds

of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, & Treasurer for said town, In consideration of the sum of thirty Dollars paid me by Joshua Pierce of Fitchburg aforesaid yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Joshua Pierce by the authority vested in me by a vote of said town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain pew in said towns Meeting house N^o 34 on the lower floor. To have and to hold the aforesaid granted premises to the said Joshua Pierce his heirs & Afsigns forever and I do covenant with the said Joshua Pierce his heirs and afsigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Joshua and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Joshua his heirs and afsigns forever against the lawful claims & demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the said Joseph Simonds by virtue of the authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and seal this Second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twelve

Joseph Simonds Treas^r (L. S.)

Signd Sealed & Delivered

in presence of us

Jacob Gibson

Elijah Carter Jr

Worcester fs Sep^r 2, 1812 Then the above named Joseph Simonds acknowledged the above instrument to be his act & deed

Before me Edward Durant Justice of the Peace

Deed Eben^r Thurston to Sam^r Kimball & Sam^r Putnam

Know all men by these presents, that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treasurer of the Calvinistic congregational Society in said Town, in con-

sideration of Thirty Dollars paid me by Samuel Kimball and Samuel Putnam both said Fitchburg in the County and commonwealth aforesaid Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant sell and convey unto the said Kimball & Putnam their heirs and afsigns By Virtue of authority vested in me by a vote of said Society at a legal meeting of said society asembled on the fifteenth day of January AD 1807 a certain pew in said Societys Meeting in said town No 3 in the Gallery agreeable to the plan of the pews as they are built — To have and to hold the same to the said Kimball & Putnam their heirs and afsigns to them and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant With the said Kimball and Putnam their heirs and afsigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premifes, that they are free of all incumbrances and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Kimball & Putnam their heirs and afsigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second Day of Jan^y AD 1807 Eben^r Thurston Committee (L S)

Signd Sealed & Dell^d in presence of us

Eph^m Kimball

John Thurston Jur^r

Worcester fs. Jan^y 28, 1807 Eben^r Thurston above named acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and Deed before me Daniel Putnam Jus. Pacis

Reed June 4. 1813 and recorded by

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[41] Samuel Putnam to William Fitch Deed of Pew.

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Putnam of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafachusetts Gentleman in consideration of Thirty Dollars paid William Fitch of Serling in said County Gentleman, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, Sell, and convey unto the said William Fitch, his heirs and afsigns a certain Pew

in the Meeting house of the Calvinistic Congregational Society in the said Town of Fitchburg, being Pew No 3. in the Gallery agreeably to the plan of the Pews as they are now built and the same deeded by Eben^r Thurston to Samuel Kimball and Samuel Putnam to have and to hold the aforegranted Premises to the said William Fitch his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said W^m Fitch his heirs and assigns That I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises. That they are free of all incumbrances, That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said W^m Fitch, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said W^m Fitch his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims & Demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Sam^l Putnam have hereunto set my hand and seal this Sixth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirteen
 Samuel Putnam (L. S.)

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in presence of us

Isaiah Putnam

Burt Fitch

Worcester fs. July 6, 1813 Then the above named Sam^l Putnam acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed — before me

Edward Durant Just. of Peace

Reed Aug^t 11, 1813 & recorded by

Oliver Fox town Clerk.

[42] Deed William Brown to Benj^a Flint No 18

Know all men by these presents That I William Brown of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent^l. In consideration of Thirty five Dollars paid by Benjamin Flint of said Fitchburg Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do give grant sell and convey unto the said Benj^a Flint his heirs & assigns a certain in the old Meeting house in said Fitchburg No 18 on the lower floor To have and to hold the same to the said Benjamin Flint his heirs and assigns

to his and their behoof forever — And I do covenant with the said Benjamin his heirs and afsigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premifses, that they are free of all incumbrances & that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Benjamin his heirs and afsigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witnefs whereof I the said William Brown have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighteenth day of May AD 1811

William Brown (L S)

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in presence of us.

Alex^r Dustin

William L. Foster.

Worcester fs May 18, 1811 William Brown above named, acknowledged this Instrument to be his Deed; before me

Alex^r Dustin Jus. Pacis.

Recd Sep^r 19, 1813 & recorded by

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Blany Phillips to Tho^s Eaton

Know all men by these presents that I Blany Phillips of Fitchburg in consideration of Fifteen Dollars paid me by Thomas Eaton of the said Fitchburg, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Thomas Eaton his heirs and afsigns the one undivided half of a pew in the towns Meeting-house on the lower floor, the said pew is No. twenty two & the same I bot of Aaron Houghton. To have and to hold the same to the said Tho^s Eaton his heirs & afsigns to his & their use & behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Tho^s Eaton his heirs and afsigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Tho^s Eaton to his heirs & afsigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Eleventh day of January in the year of our lord Eighteen hundred & fourteen

Blany Phillips (L S)

Signd Sealed in presence of us

Jonas Marshall Jr
Sally Cowdin

Worcester fs Jan^y 12, 1814 Then Blany Phillips above
named acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and
Deed before me Edward Durant Jus Pacis.

Reed Jan^y 14, 1814 & recded by
Oliver Fox town Clerk

[43] Deed of $\frac{2}{3}$ of Pew Ruben Eaton to Oliver Fox
in new Meeting house

Know all men by these presents that I Ruben Eaton
of Fitzwilliam in the County of Cheshire and State of
Newhampshire Bricklayer, administrator on the estate of
Thomas Eaton late of Fitchburg in the County of Wor-
cester & Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts Yeoman de-
ceased intestate, having been duly impowered by a licence
from the Circuit Court of common pleas for said County
of Worcester to sell & pafs Deeds to convey so much of
the real estate of said Thomas Eaton deceased as would
raise the sum of two thousand one hundred & Seventeen
Dollars & fifty three cents for the payment of the debts
of said deceased and incidental charges, did on the Elev-
enth day of January instant sell att Public vendue the fol-
lowing described real estate to Oliver Fox of said Fitch-
burg for the sum of Nine Dollars and Seventy five cents,
he being the highest bidder there for the said real estate
being of the following description viz, two thirds of Pew
No 8 on the lower floor of the Meeting house of the Cal-
vinistic Congregational Society in Fitchburg acording to
the plan thereof.

Therefore know ye that I the said Ruben Eaton ad-
ministrator as aforesaid, in consideration of the said sum
of Nine Dollars & seventy five cents to me paid by the
said Oliver Fox, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowl-
edge, do hereby give, grant, Sell, and convey unto him
the said Oliver Fox his heirs & afsigns the real estate
above described;

To have and to hold the same estate above described

to the said Oliver Fox his heirs & assigns forever. And I the said administrator do hereby covenant with the Said Oliver Fox his heirs & assigns, that I have been lawfully authorized to make sale of the said real estate and that In all things relating to the Sale thereof my proceeding have been according to law, And that I will warrant and defend the said real estate to the said Oliver Fox his heirs & assigns, so far as that my proceedings as administrator as aforesaid have in all respects been correct & lawful. In witness whereof I the s'd Ruben Eaton have hereinto set my hand & Seal this eleventh day January AD 1814

Ruben Eaton (L S)

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of us

John Shepley — Joseph Fox

Worcester fs. Jan^y 12, 1814 Then the above named Ruben Eaton personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument by him subscribed to be his free act and deed Before me

Joseph Fox Justice of Peace

Recd January 12, 1814 & recored by

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[44] Deed Chaplin to Stickney

Know all men by these presents, That I George W Chaplin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Saddler, in Consideration of twenty Dollars paid by Joshua Stickney of said Fitchburg Yeoman, The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant sell & convey unto the said Joshua Stickney his heirs and assigns one undivided half of a certain pew in the Towns Meeting house in said Fitchburg, being pew Number forty seven on the lower floor of said Meeting house, according to the plan & numbering of the same. To have and to hold the aforegranted premises to the said Joshua Stickney his heirs and assigns to his & their use and Behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Joshua Stickney his heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises; that they are free of all Incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joshua Stickney,

his heirs & assigns, And that I will warrant & defend the same Premises to the said Joshua Stiekney his heirs & assigns forever, against the lawful Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said George W. Chaplin and also Lydia Chaplin wife of said Geo. W. Chaplin hereby releasing her right of thirds and dower in said premises, have here unto Set our hands & Seals this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & fourteen

George W Chaplin (L S)
Lydia Chaplin (L S)

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of us.

Pliney Whitney
Olive U Brown.

Worcester fs Febr^y 9, 1814 Then the above named George W Chaplin acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act & deed before me

Edward Durant Just^s Pacis

Recd Febr^y 18, 1814 & recorded by

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[45] Joseph Upton to Isaac Stone (Administrator)
Deed of Pew in the Calvinistic Meeting house

Know all men by these presents, that whereas, I, Joseph Upton of Fitchburg in the County of worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, Yeoman, Administrator on the Estate of John Upton of Said Fitchburg Gentleman, Deceased, intestate, by an order of the Circuit Court of comon Pleas begun and holden at worcester within & for Said County, on the monday next preceeding the Second Tuesday of June now last past, was licensed & impowered to Sell & convey the real Estate of the Deceased; and where as, I, the Said Administrator, having given thirty days public notice of the intended Sale by posting up notifications thereof in Said Fitchburg, the Town where said real Estate lies, and in Leominster & Lunenburg, two adjoining Towns, and also in worcester, the sheir Town of said County, and having first given

bonds, and taken the oath by law in Such cases required, did on the twenty first day of September now last past pursuant to the license and notice afore Said, Sell at public vendue the real Estate of Said Deceased, being a pew N^o. 42 in the meeting house of the Calvinistic, Congregational Society, in Said Fitchburg — exscepting the right of dower, which Abigall Upton, widow of Said Deceased, has therein; to Isaac Stone of the Same Fitchburg, Cabinit maker, for the Sum of Sixteen dollars & twenty five Cents, he being the highest bider therefor; therefore know ye, that, I, the Said Joseph Upton, Aministrator as afore said, by virtue of the power & authority in me vested as afore-said, an in consideration of the said Sum of Sixteen dollars & twenty five Cents to me paid by the Said Isaac Stone, the receipt wherof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, Sell, & Convey, the Said pew, Exscepting Said right of dower, to the Said Isaac Stone, his heirs & afsigns; to have & to hold the Same with all the priveleges thereunto, belonging to him, the Said Isaac Stone, his heirs, & afsigns forever, and to his & there use & behoof forever, & I, Joseph Upton Administrator, as afore said, do hereby covenant with the said Isaac Stone, his heirs, & afsigns, that I was lawfully authorized and impowered, to make Sale of the Same for the purpose of paying the debts of Said Deceased, that, I, gave thirty days public notice of the intended Sale as afore said, that I gave bonds and took the oath by law required previous to Said Sale, that the said Estate was struck off at the sum aforesaid, & that in all things relating to said Sale, I have done according to Law

In witness whereof, I, the Said Joseph Upton, Administrator as, aforesaid, have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this twentyeth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twelve, Signed, Seald, and delivd in presance of us,

John Sheply

Jon^s Flint, Jr

Joseph Upton. (L S)

Administrator

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[46] Worcester fs. Jany. 4th AD 1813.

Then the within named Joseph Upton personally appeared & acknowledged the above Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free Act & Deed —

be fore me Joseph Fox — Justice Peace

Recev^d March 14, 1814. and recorded March 23^d 1814.

Jon^a Haskell, Town. Clerk

Deed, Isaac Stone to Oliver Fox

Know all men by these presents, that I, Isaac Stone of Fitchburg, in the County of worcester & Comon wealth of Mafsachusetts Cabenitt maker, in consideration of ten dollars paid me by Oliver Fox of Fitchburg, aforesaid Gentleman, the receipt whereof I, do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell & convey unto the said Oliver Fox, his heirs & afsigns, a certain Pew in the meeting house lately owned by the Calvinistic, Congragational Society in said Fitchburg, the said Pew is N^o 42, and is the same Pew, Joseph Upton, Adm^r on the Estate of John Upton, Deceased, Deeded to Said Isaac Stone, reserving all the right of Dower the Said John Uptons widow, has in Said Pew, to have & to hold the same to the Said Oliver Fox his heirs & afsigns, to his & their use & behoof, forever, and I do covenant with the said Oliver Fox, his heirs & afsigns, that I, am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumberances & that I will worrent & defend the Same to the said Oliver Fox, his heirs & afsigns, forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, in witnefs whereoff I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this nineteenth day of March AD 1814. Isaac Stone. (L S)

Jon^a Flint Jr
Sam^l Houghton

Worcester fs. March 19 1814 Then the within named Isaac Stone personally appeared & acknowledged the within Instrument to be his free act & Deed

Calvin Willard, Justice Peace

Recvd, March 19 1814 & Recorded by me

March 23, 1814 Jon^a Haskell Town Clerk.

[47] Deed Doct. William Payson, to Josiah Wilder

Know all Men by these presents, that I, William Payson of Foxborough, in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Physisian, in consideration of thirty five dollars paid by Josiah Wilder of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Clothier, the receipt whereof, I, do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell, & Convey unto the said Josiah Wilder a Certain Pew in the public meeting house in Said Fitchburg, being a wall pew Situated on the floor, and numbered twenty three; To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Josiah Wilder His heirs & afsigns, to his and their use & behoof forever, and I do Covenant, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell & Convey the Same to the said Josiah Wilder; And that, I will worrent and defend the same premises to the said Josiah Wilder his Heirs, and Afsigns, forever, against the lawfull claims & demands of all persons. In whitnefs whereof I the said William Payson, have hereunto sett my hand & Seal this second day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & fourteen — Also, Abigail my wife, in Token of her quiting, her right of dower.

William Payson (L S)

Signd, Sealed, and deliverd
in presance of us —

Abigail Payson (L S)

Samuel Titus —
Leonard Smith

Norfolk, fs, February 2^d 1814 then Doct. William Payson personally appeared and owned the above to be his free act & deed before me

Eben^r Warren Justice Peice

Recev^d & Recorded May 25, 1814.

Jonathan Haskell, Town Clerk

Deed Thomas. French to Leonard Burbank — Pews

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas. French of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & comon wealth

of Massachusetts Yeoman, in Consideration of fifty dollars paid me by Leonard Burbank of Said Fitchburg, Gentleman. the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell, & convey unto the Said Leonard Burbank his heirs & assigns a Pew in the Towns meeting house in Said Fitchburg, being N^o 35, on the lower floor; —Also Pew N^o 18 in the Galery of the Same Meeting house. to have & to hold the Same to the said Leonard Burbank his heirs & assigns to his & there use & behoof forever, and I do Covenant with the Said Leonard Burbank, his heirs & assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the premises, that they are free from all incumberances, and that I will warrent and defend the same to the said Leonard Burbank his heirs and assigns forever, against all lawfull Claims & demands of all persons.

Turn over —

[48] Brought forward —

In Witness wherof I the said thomas French have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & thirteen. Signed Seal^d & delivered in presance of us —

John Shepley

Thomas French. (L S)

Jos. Cowdin —

Worcester fs. then personally appeared the above named & acknowledge this Instrument to be his free act & deed before me

William Cunningham Jr Jus Ps.

Rec^d & Recorded June 8. 1814

Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler —

Leonard Burbank Deed to Levi Farwell — Pew

Know all men by these presants that I Leonard Burbank of Fitchburg in the County of worcester & common wealth of Massachusetts Gentleman, in Consideration of Fifty dollars paid me by Levi Farwell of the aforesaid Fitchburg, Yeoman the receipt whereof, I, do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell & convey unto the said Levi Farwell his heirs and assigns, a Pew in the Towns meeting house, in Said Fitchburg being Pew N^o 35, on the lower floor to have & to hold the same, with

all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Levi Farwell his Heirs & assigns to him & there use & behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Levi Farwell his Heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free from all incumberances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Levi Farwell his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof I the said Leonard Burbank & Eunice, Eliza his wife have hereunto set our hands & Seals this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen

Leonard Burbank (L S)

Eunice. E. Burbank (L S)

Signed Sealed & delivered

in presance of us —

Daniel Mayo,

Saml Putnam

Worcester. fs. April 30, 1814 the above named Leonard Burbank acknowledged this Deed to be his free act & before me William Cunningham Jr Jus. Pes

Recorded June 8 1814

Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler

[49] Benjamin Flint Deed To John Shepley — Pew

Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Flint of Fitchburg in the County of worcester & Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts Yeoman, in consideration of Seventy dollars paid me by John Sheply of said Fitchburg Gentleman, the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, Sell, and quit Claim unto the Said John Shepley his heirs & assigns, all my right, title claim and demand, in and unto a Certain Pew on the lower floor of the Towns meeting house in Said Fitchburg, being Pew N^o Eighteen on that floor, and the first on the northerly side of the Pulpit.

To have & to hold the same to the Said John Shepley, his heirs and assigns to his & there use & behoof for ever. and I do covenant to warrant and defend the Said granted

& quit claimed premises, to the Said John Sheply his heirs and afsigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by, or under me. In witness whereof the Said Benjamin Flint has hereunto set his hand & Seal this, twenty fifth day of august in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & fourteen.

Benjamin Flint (L S)

Signed, Seal^d and delivered
in presance of us.

Nahum Harrington
Leonard Burbank.

Worcester fs. August 25, 1814 Benjamin Flint above named, acknowledge^d this Instrument to be his free act & Deed; before me

Nahum Harrington Jus. Pa

Received & Recorded August 29, 1814

Jon^s Haskell Town. Cler

[50] Eben^r Thurston Treasurer, Deed to Jonas Marshall Jur.

Know all men by these presents That I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts. Yeoman and Treasurer for said Town, in consideration of Seventy three dollars lawful money paid by Jonas Marshall Ju^r aforesaid the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the Said Jonas Marshall Ju^r By virtue of aurtherity vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Asembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795.—Two certain Pews in the new Meeting house in said Fitchburg, viz. N^o 19, on the lower floor, and N^o 27, in the Gallery. To have and to hold the afore granted Premises to the Said Jonas his heirs & afsigns, to his & their use and behoof forever. And I covenant with the said Jonas his heirs and afsigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted Premises; that they are free from all Incumberances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Jonas And that I will Worent and defend the same Premises to

the said Jonas his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof, I the Said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Eight.

Eben^r Thurston. (L S)

Signed, Sealed, and delierd

in presance of us —

Israel Turner

William Small

Worcester fs. Sept. 7. 1799 then the above named Eben^r Thurston acknowledged the above Instrument to his free Act & Deed

Before me Israel Turner Jus^o of the Peace

Received and recorded April 25, 1815.

Jon^a Haskell Town Cler.

[51] Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
 (Seal) chusetts you are hereby required to notify and
 (Seal) warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
 said Town Qualified by law to vote in Town
 meeting to meet and assemble at the old meeting house in
 said Town on munday the Sixth day of March next at
 nine OClock in the morning and when mett to act on the
 following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^d To chufe a Town Clerk, Selectmen and other Town officers as the Law directs, and likewise act any thing in regard to chusing Collectors as they shall think proper.

3^d To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair the highways and bridges the present year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

4^d To see what method the Town will take to support there poor the present year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

5^d To see if the Town will chufe a Saxton to take

care of the meeting house the present year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

6^{ly} To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at large under the regulation of the Law the present year

7^{ly} To see if the Town will discontinue any roads or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

8^{ly} To see if Town will except of any Road, that shall be laid out by the Selectmen or their order and likewise Establish any road that is in dispute or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

9^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alteration in the school Districts in the north west part of the Town agreeable to a request of Samuel Gibson and others or act anything thereon as they shall think proper, and also send a committee to Establish a place for a school house and point out sum way that it shall be built

10^{ly} To see if the Town will abate any persons highway tax or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

11^{ly} To see what allowance the Town will make to Mr John Putnum Jur respecting the clabboarding of the New meeting house or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

12^{ly} To see if the Town will dispose of any more Land for Stabling or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

13^{ly} To see if the Town will discharge John Putnum Jur. from the Expence of raising the New meeting house

14^{ly} To see if the Town will make any Consideration to Mr John Putnum Jur if on Examination it shall appear that he was a great loofer By undertaking the New meeting house or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

15^{ly} To see where the town will hold there Town meetings so long as the old meeting house is their property

16^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to Level the Common round the New Meeting house or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

17^{ly} To see if the Town will order the Treafurer to pay the moneys to the Baptists and Methodists upon such

a receipt as shall be exhibited by them or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

18^y To see if the Town will chuse a committee to Settle with the Treafurer

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Sixteenth day of February in the year 1797

John Thurston Jun^r } Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee } of
Samuel Gibson } Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as their exprefs^d to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Fitchburg March 6th 1797 Joseph Polly Constable

[52] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Asssembled on Munday the 6th day of March AD. 1797

- 1^y Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator
- 2^y Voted & chose — Joseph Fox . . . Town Clerk
- 3^y Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Jun^r }
- 4^y Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee . } Selectmen
- 5^y Voted & chose M^r Seth Phillips . . }
- 6^y Voted that the Selectmen be the Affesors
. Affesors.
- 7^y Voted & chose M^r Ebenezer Thurston
. Treafurer.

8^y Voted to let out the Collectorship as it was last year, (viz) to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound, the lowest bidder to git two bondfmen to the Acceptance of the Town

9^y Voted to chuse a committee to let out the Collectorship at Vendue and make their report at the adjournment

10^y Voted that the Committee consist of Ten.

11^y Voted and Chose M^r Afa Perry, Joseph Fox, Daniel Putnum Esq^r Cap^t Israel Turner Doct. Peter Snow,

Thomas Cowdin, Cap^t Benj^a Marshall, Cap^t Will^m Brown, Lieu^t Afaph Goodridge & Sam^l Gibson a committee for the above purpose.

12^{ly} Voted to have fifteen high Surveyors.

13^{ly} Voted and Chose Cap^t Jon^a Wood, M^r Elitha Chamberlin, M^r John Osborn, M^r Jacob Gibson, M^r Amos Putnum M^r Joseph Richardfon, Joseph Fox, M^r Abraham Willard M^r Zacheus Farwell, Cap^t Benj^a Marshall M^r Benj^a Sheldin M^r Thomas Gibson M^r Oliver Fullum, M^r Phinehas Hartwell & M^r Blany Phillips . Highway Surveyors

14^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Benj^a Marshall, M^r Solomon Day M^r William Crague, M^r John Brown M^r Jon^a Page Ju^r M^r Tim^o Gray & M^r David Battles . . . Hogreaves

15^{ly} Voted and Chose M^r Jacob Gibson & M^r Sam^l Phelps Firewards

16^{ly} Voted and Chose M^r William Small Surveyor of Lumber

17^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Joseph Richardfon & M^r Joseph Polly Fence viewers

18^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Amos Parce & Ensign Jacob Burnap Field drivers

19^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood Surveyor of hoops & Staves

20^{ly} Voted & chose M^r David Parce Sealer of Weights & Measures

21st Voted & chose Cap^t Jos^s How & M^r Ezra Ritter Sealers of Leather

22^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Daniel Steward Pound keeper

23^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Phinchas Brown & M^r Amos Putnum Tythingmen

24^{ly} Voted that the committee chosen to let out the collectorship be a committee to let out the saxton befiness the present year and make their report at the adjorment

25^{ly} Voted to raise Two hundred and Twenty five pounds to repair the highways and Bridges the Present year

26^{ly} Voted that every Man be allowed Nine Cents p^r hour for their work on the Spot, Cattle & meterials in propotion, to be propotioned at the Same rate by the

Selectmen as the Mens Labour in their directions to the Surveyors

[53] 27^{ly} Voted that the Committee chosen to let out the Collectorship, be a committee to let out the Towns poor and report at the adjournment

28^{ly} Voted that the Swine run at Large under the regulation of the Law the present year

29^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for one hour and then to meet at Mrfs Cowdins

The Town meet according to adjornment.

30^{ly} A vote being put to see if the Town would discontinue a road nigh M^r Amos Parce^s South towards Leominster line, And it pafs^d in the Negative.

31^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to view a road laid out, beginning between M^r Sam^l Phelps^s & M^r Jacob Jaquith^s that leads back of Pearl hill, and report at the adjournment where it was laid out.

32^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three

33^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Sam^l Gibson M^r John Thurston Jun^r & Cap^t Will^m Brown a committee for the above purpose

34^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to take the records & view the road that has ben laid out between Leu^t Afaph Goodridges & M^r Afa Perry^s which is said to be discontinued, and make their report at the next adjournment their mind as to the Situation of the road, and to report whether it is their mind that the road is, or should be discontinued, or to be a bridle road, or continue as the road now is.

35^{ly} Voted to chufe a Committee of three for the above purpose

36^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee, Deacon Kendol Boutell and Cap^t Israel Turner for the above purpose

37^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to here the parties which concerns the request of M^r Sam^l Gibson and others Respecting their School Districts and make their report at the next adjournment their oppinion of the matter.

38^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee of Three

39^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Will^m Brown M^r Jofeph Richardfon & Cap^t Israel Turner a committee for the above purpose.

40^{ly} Voted to abate M^r Thomas Gibsons last year highway rates

41^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to view the Clabording and settle with M^r John Putnum Ju^r respecting the deficiency in the weadth of the Clabboards put on the New meeting Houfe

42^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three

43^{ly} Voted & chofe M^r Abel Bawldin M^r Verien Daniels & M^r Daniel Harrifs a committee for the above purpose and make report at the next adjornment

44^{ly} Voted that their be a committee chofen to lay out more Stable ground nigh the meeting houfe if they can find ground on the Towns land convenient for that purpose and make their report at the next adjornment.

45^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of Three.

46^{ly} Voted & chofe M^r John Thurston Jun^r Daniel Putnum Esq^r & Cap^t Tho^s Thurston a committee for the above purpose.

47^{ly} A Vote was put to see if the Town will discharge M^r John Putnum Ju^r from the expense of the hands employed in raising the New meeting Houfe. And it pafs in the affirmative.

48^{ly} A vote was put to see if the Town will pay M^r John Putnum Ju^r his expence in Vitualing at the raising and the expence of the Jin Man &c.

And it pafs^d in the Negative.

49^{ly} It was motioned, and Seconded, to reconsider the last vote respecting the vitualing the men at the raising, and the expence of the Jin Man &c.

And it pafsed in the affirmative, and agreed to pay the expence.

[54] 50^{ly} Voted that what money is now voted to free M^r John Putnum Ju^r of the expence of raising & the expence of Vitualing the raisers and the Jin Mans Expence &c to be paid out of the next Town tax to be made

51^{ly} It was motioned and Seconded to know the minds of the Town whether they would hold their Town meetings in the old meeting Houfe untill further order of the Town, And it pafs in the affirmative

52^{ly} The vote being put to see if the Town will vote

that Each Surveyor take on his party of hands in his list to level the Common nigh the new meeting Houfe, And it pafs in the affirmative.

53^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to settle with the Treafurer

54^{ly} Voted that the Committee confift of Two

55^{ly} Voted & Chofe M^r John Thurston Jun^r & M^r Paul Wetherbee a committee for the above purpose

56^{ly} It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town will except as a form for a receipt for the Baptist & Methodist to sign exhibited for the Towns acceptance by them, And it pafsed in the Negative.

57 Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 20th day of this Infant March at the old meeting houfe at one oClock in the afternoon.

On munday the 20th March 1797 The town meet according to adjornment

The report of the Committee to let out the Collectorship, the Saxton befinefs & the Towns poor was called for by the Moderator

The committee reported as follows — viz —

The committee appointed to vendue the Collectership, Saxton befinefs & the Towns poor attended the befinefs on munday Evening the 6th march 1797 at the houfe of the Widow Cowdins in Fitchburg.

1st Set up the Collectorship to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound the south side of the Town he to bring two bondsman to the acceptance of the Town. and was bid of to Leiu^t Nehemiah Fuller Ju^r at 37/ upon the hundred pound.

2nd Set up the Collectorship to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound the North Side of the Town he to bring two bondsman to the acceptance of the Town and was bid of to M^r Nehemiah Fuller at 36/6.

3 Set up the Saxton befinefs to the lowest bidder, and was bid off to M^r Benjⁿ Danforth for 15/ the year

4^{ly} Set up Ephraim Smith one of the Towns poor to the lowest bidder by the weak for one year upon the same conditions he was bid of at the last year, And was bid of to M^r Nehemiah Fuller at 3/3 p^r weak

5 Set up Mary Wares as one of the Towns poor to the lowest bidder by the weak for one year, or to the highest upon the same conditions as last year And was bid of to M^r W^m Small for which he is to give 3^d p^r weak

Voted to accept the report of the committee

Voted to pay M^r Benj^a Danforth 15/ as reported by the Committee for taking care of the meeting house &c.

Voted to pay M^r Nehemiah Fuller 3/3 p^r weak for supporting, and taking care of Eph^m Smith the conditions the same as last year

[55] Voted that the Town receive of M^r W^m Small 3^d p^r weak for the Service of Mary Wares the Town to find for her the same as last year

The committee appointed to view the road leading from M^r Afa Perrys to a place call^d Walkers Gate made their report as follows (viz)

The Subscribers a Committee chose by the Town of Fitchburg to view a Road leading from M^r Afa Perrys to a place called Walkers Gate and to report to the adjournment of March meeting have meet the parties on the premises and Examined the records & beg lieve to report (viz) That it is the opinion of your committee that Leu^t Afaph Goodridge & others shall have free liberty to pass and repass at all times and Seafons from the Walker Gate so called into the County road by M^r Perrys where the road is now trod without any other Incumbrance than One gate well hung, which Gate is to be hung made and maintained by M^r Perry.

Fitchburg March 20th 1797 Paul Wetherbee }
Kendol Boutell } Committee
Israel Turner }

Voted to accept the above report

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to lay out a bridle road on the west side of pearl hill, which is as follows, begining at the East end of M^r Daniel Holts barn and runing Northerly the west side of the high Rock so called as near said Rock as is Convenient for a Road partly on Land of said Holts and partly on land of M^r

Amos Laurence till it comes to the road that Leads from said Laurence to the the school houfe all parties are agreed, with the said Holt keeping up Gates or barrs through said Laurence^s Land.

Fitchburg March 7th 1797.

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Committee
Amos Laurence		
Daniel Holt		

Voted to accept of the above road as diseribed and upon the conditions mentioned by the Committee

Voted to inlarge the Commisfion of the Committee chofen to vew the road between Samuel Phelps and Jacob Jaquiths that leads back of Perl hill so far as to take the records of the road proposed and make the bounds as the records proposed, and report to the Town at April meeting, unless the parties agree to sum other place that will better accomodate the parties interested, and then to report According to their agreement.

The committee appointed to here the parties which concerns the request of M^r Sam^l Gibson and others, respecting their school deftricts report as follows (viz)

Your committee chofe by the Town on a request of Sam^l Gibson and others have met the parties & Examined into the Situation of the deftrict and the Petitioners in General, & beg leave to report (viz)

That it appears to your committee reafonable that the prayer of the petitioners in Justice ought to be granted, & it is further the opinion of your committee that the school houfe for the West deftrict ought to stand on the Great road as near M^r Jacob Uptons as the Ground Will admit on the great road, and built by the deftrict in the same proportion as they pay other Taxes.

Will ^m Brown	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
Joseph Richardfon		

Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted that the committee appointed to vew the Clab-boarding the New meeting houfe and settle with M^r John Putnum Jun^r hold their report untill they have an opportunity to see and Settle with M^r John Putnum Jun^r and report to the Town at sum other meeting

It was motioned & seconded to reconsider the vote that was pass^d on the 6th march last respecting paying the Expence of Vitualing the Raifers of the New meeting house, and the Expence of the Jin Man &c to M^r John Putnum Jur^t

the Vote being put it pass^d in the Negative.

Voted to pass over the article respecting the Stable Ground for the present

Voted to adjourn this meeting for fifteen minutes & then to meet at Mrs Cowdins.

[56] The Town meet at Mrs Cowdins according to adjournment

the meeting opened —

Voted to Excuse the old Committee to let out the Collectorship

Voted to chuse a New Committee to let out the Collectorship

Voted to chuse five as a Committee for the above purpose

Voted & chose Daniel Farwell, Blany Phillips, Thomas Eaton, David Pratt, & Ezra Ritter

Voted to add five to the Committee

Voted & chose Joseph Downe, Abel Bawldin, Zacheus Farwell, Jacob Upton & Jo^s Polly

The Committe went upon the befiness upon the Spot and

1st made declaration to let out the Collectorship upon the south side of the Town to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound and he to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town.

M^r Daniel Wetherbee was the lowest bidder & was Struck of to him at 37/ upon the hun^d pound

2^d Set up the North side of the Town to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound he to bring two Bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town.

M^r David Macintire was the lowest bidder and was Struck of to him at 38/ upon the hun^d pound

Voted and chose M^r Daniel Wetherbee Conftable for the South side of y^e Town

Voted and chose Cap^t Benj^a Marshall Conftable for the North side of y^e Town.

It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town will accept as a form for a recpt^d for the Baptist and Methodist to give to the Trefurer for mony they proposed to receive back for the support of preaching. The recpt^d worded as follows (viz)

Rec^d of Ebn^r Thurston Town trefurer for the Town of Fitchburg the Sum of— which is in full of all demands against said Town for money paid for the support of preaching for the years 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, & 1796, agreeable to the Bill of rights of this Commonwealth

The Vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to April meeting five OClock in the afternoon at the old meeting houfe.

On munday April 3rd 1797 The Town meet according to adjornment the meeting opened

Voted to adjorn this meeting to Thursday the 6th day this prent month to one oClock in the afternoon at this place.

Thursday April 6th The Town meet according to adjornment and the meeting opened.

Voted and chufe Deacon Samuel Gibson to act as Moderator untill M^r Afa Perry shall appear to take his place as moderator

Voted & chufe M^r Daniel Wetherbee Collector for the South side the Town with Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Blany Phillips for his Bondfman.

Here follows a report of a Committee that was appointed to hunt up an old Road that was in Dispute between M^r Sam^l Phelps and M^r Jacob Jaquith or to lay out a new one according to the old Records

We the Subscribers having ben chofen a committee the sixth of March last to hunt up an old road that was in Dispute between M^r Sam^l Phelps and Jacob Jaquith, or to lay out a New one according to the old Records would inform the Town that we are so happy as to perfuade the Parties to [57] to agree and Straighten the road between them, and shall now give you a defcription of s^d road which is two rods wide & is as follows (viz)—

begining at a stake & stones at the corner of M^r Sam^l Phelps wall by the road that Leads to the meeting houfe said bounds is on the east side of the road & runs north about Ten rods to a white pine Tree marked on the west side & from thence to a large black Stump on the west side of the road near by M^r Jacob Jaquiths fence then straight to the road formerly laid out by M^r Joseph Phelps & Stephen Pingry Said road is given by the owners

Fitchburg April 3rd 1797 Samuel Gibson } Towns
William Brown } Committee

Voted to accept the report of the above committee respecting s^d road.

Voted to raise Fifteen pounds to be laid out by a committee to be chosen for the purpose of repairing the New County road from Leominster, to Gidions Shop to begin at the highth of Land so on to Gidions shop the money to be laid out under the direction of the Committee, and the money to be paid out of the next fall tax.

Voted to chuse Two men a committee for the above purpose

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee & Israel Turner Esq^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to reconsider the votes, respecting paying or allowing M^r John Putnum Jun^r his Expence in Vitualing the Men at the raising the new meeting houfe, the expence of the Jinn man and the Expence of the hands imployed in raising the meeting houfe, and not allow him any thing for any of his Expence as voted on the 6th March . . .

Voted that the Treaferer receive a receipt in the following form for the Baptist and Methodist to sign, their receiving the money back for what they have paid for the years 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, & 1796, for the Support of Publick worship. Here follows a copy of the rec^t (viz)

I the Subscriber being of that Denomination of Christians called Baptist (or Methodist as the Cafe may be) have this — day of — 1797. Rec^d of Ebn^r Thurston Treaferer for the Town of Fitchburg — in full for the money I have paid to the Several Collectors for the Support of Publick Worship for the years 1792, 1793, 1794,

1795 & 1796 agreable to the vote of the Town pafs^d Nov^r 14th 1796 which sum is in full of all demands I have against said Town of Fitchburg for money I have paid for the Support of Publick Worship to the present time

Voted that one Man be aded to the Committee appointed to settle with the Treafurer

Voted & chofe Joseph Fox for the above purpose.

Voted that the West school deftrict Center the deftrict by meafuring for the purpose of placing a school Houfe, and if it should not be a convenient place then to place it in the nighest convenient place.

Voted to chufe a committee to view the school deftrict where M^r John Carter M^r Oliver Stickney Amos Sheldon & others live^s that request it whether it is not more convenient, and for the best, that they should be removed from the West school deftrict to the next South, and their to draw their money.

Voted to chufe three as a committee for the above purpose

[58] Voted & chofe M^r Mofes Hale Lieu^t Edward Durant and Cap^t W^m Brown a committee for the above purpose and make their report at sum other meeting.

Voted & chofe M^r David M^r intire Collector for the North side of the Town with M^r Jacob Upton & M^r Benj^a Herrick as bondsmen.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

The meeting is Difsolved Afa Perry Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of Law
(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified as the Conftitution directs to vote for a Representative to affemble and meet at the Old meeting houfe on Munday the third day of April next at two OClock P. M. and when meet to give in their votes for the following re-

spective officers to the Selectmen who shall preside at said meeting.

1^{ly} To give in their votes for Governor

2^{ly} To give in their votes for Lieut Governor

3^{ly} To give in their votes for the choice of five Senators agreeable to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentyeth day of March in the year 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Worcester fs Fitchburg April 3rd 1797.

perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town afore-said to assemble and meet at the time and place within mentioned as the Law directs

Benj^a Marshall Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 3rd day of April 1797

The meeting opened.

1st The votes called for Governor

His Honour Moses Gill had 9

The Honorable Inerefe Sumner had 6

The Honorable James Sullivan had 27

2^{ly} The Votes called for Lieut Governor

His Honour Moses Gill had 31

The Honorable James Sullivan had 4

3^{ly} The votes called for Senators

The Honorable Josiah Stears had 31

The Honorable Salem Town had 31

The Honorable Benj^a Reed had 31

The Honorable Elijah Brigham had 31

The Honorable Daniel Bigelow had 31

Voted to adjourn this meeting a short time or for the present Meet according to adjournment.

Voted to Difsolve this meeting.

John Thurston Ju^r }
 Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[59] Worcester fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting—

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of
 (Seal) Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old meeting Houfe on munday the third Day of April next at three oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chufe a moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^{ly} To see Whether it is the Sence of the Town to give sum Gentleman a Call to the work of the Gofpel miniftry or act in any matter or thing in Conjuntion with the Church in refpect to the Settlement of a Gofpel minifter as they shall think proper.

3^{ly} To see what method will take to provide preaching through the summer season or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned given under our hands & Seals this twentieth Day of March A D. 1797

John Thurston Ju^r }
 Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
 Seth Phillips }

Worcefter fs. Fitchburg April 3rd 1797 Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town afore said to affemble and meet at the time and place within mentioned as the Law directts. Benj^a Marfhall Conftable —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 3rd day of April 1797

1^{ly} Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Moderator.

2^{ly} Voted that it is the Sence of the Town to give sum Gentleman a Call to the work of the Gospel Mineftry that has preached amongst us.

3^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour, then to meet at this place

The Church in Fitchburg by their Clerk prented the Town their vote certifying that they had given M^r Thos Noife a Call into the work of the Gospell mineftry

4th It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town would concur with the Church with their vote respecting giving M^r Tho^s Noyse a Call to Settle with us in the Gofpell ministry

The vote being put, It pafs^d in the Negative.

5^{ly} It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will agree to give M^r Samuel Worcester a Call to Settle with us in the Gospell mineftry, The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative 43 to 24 and Eight of the 24 condefended to to agree to M^r Worcester.

6^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for a Quarter of an hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjornment proceeded to befiness.

The Church prented their vote, to the Town respecting giving M^r Samuel Worcester a Call to the Work of the Gospel Mineftry — which vote is as follows (viz)

Fitchburg April 3rd 1797 At a legal meeting of the Church of Fitchburg on adjornment Voted to give M^r Samuel Worcester a Call into the work of the Gospell Mineftry
Attest Joseph Downes Clerk.

7 The vote being put to see if the Town will Concur with the Church to give M^r Samuel Worcester a Call to Settle with us in the Gospell ministry

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative.

Voted to chufe a committee to prepare and lay before the Town such Encoragements as they shall think proper to induce M^r Sam^l Worcester to Settle with us in the work of the Gospell mineftry.

Voted to chose nine as a committee for the above purpose.

Voted and Chose Mr Afa Perry, Mr Jonathan Low Mr Paul Wetherbee Deacon Boutell Daniel Putnum Esq^r Israel Turner Esq^r Cap^t W^m Brown, Mr Phinehas Brown and Mr Jacob Upton and they to report at the adjournment.

[60] Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday next at two o'clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place.

The meeting was accordingly adjourned.

On Thursday y^e 6th April 1797 The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened

The committee appointed to consider of the Encouragements to be made and report to the Town for Mr Samuel Worcester to Settle with us in the Gospel ministry made their report as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers being chosen at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled April 3rd 1797 a Committee to lay before the Town the Encouragements which shall be offered to Mr Sam^l Worcester to induce him to Settle with us in the work of the Gospel Ministry which is as follows viz

1^y That Mr Samuel Worcester be Settled upon a Salary only for his Support while he continues with us in the work of the Gospel ministry in a Pastoral Relation.

2^y That if it should so happen in the Course of his Ministry in Fitchburg that difficulty should arise on his part that should prove a grievance to this Church and people which may give in their opinion Just occasion of Complaint that appears against him prejudicial to the Peace and happiness of this Church and people, they shall have a right to Dismiss him from his Pastoral relation to this Church and People with the advice of a mutual Council. Also on the other hand when any Just occasion of Complaint shall appear in the opinion of Mr Worcester, against the Church and people of his Charge Prejudicial to his peace and Usefulness in his pastoral office, he shall have a right to take a Dismission from this Church and People with the advice of a mutual Council.

3^y For his Support and Encouragement to Settle with the people in Fitchburg in a Pastoral relation they agree

to pay him Four hundred Dollars Annually as a Compensation for his Services while he shall Continue in the Ministry in the Town of Fitchburg. And also the privilege of improving about Twenty Acres of Wood Land which is the Towns property and lyeth in the Center of the Town, in order to accomodate him with firewood.

4^{ly} That in case Mr Samuel Worcester should take his dismission or be dismissed from his Ministerial relation to the Church and people of the Town of Fitchburg then the Civil contract shall be Dissolved without any further compensation to him any further than while he Serves the Town in a ministerial Capacity.

Fitchburg April 6th 1797.

All which is humbly Submitted. Afa Perry } p^r order
of the
Committee

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

Voted that Deacon John Thurston be requested to present Mr Samuel Worcester a copy of the report of the Committee respecting what Encouragements the Town will give him to Induce him to settle with us in the Gospel ministry

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[61] Worcester vs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the male Inhabitants of said Town and being twenty one years of Age, and qualified as the Law directs to vote for a Representative to meet at the old meeting house on thursday the Eighteenth day of May instant at two oClock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chusing a Representative to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the Last Wednesday of May, and you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above

mentioned given under our hands and Seales at Fitchburg the Second Day of May A D. 1797

John Thurston Jur ^r	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee		
Seth Phillips		

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to meet at time and place & for the purpose within mentioned
Daniel Wetherbee Conftable

May 18th 1797.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on thursday the 18th day of May 1797.

1^y The vote being put to see if it is the minds of the Town to send a Representative to the General Court this present year. And it pafs^d in the Affirmative

2^y A vote was called for, and put, to see if the Town will reconsider the vote respecting sending a Representative, And it pafs in the affirmative

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusets to require you in due corse of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and asssemble at the Old meeting house on Thursday the Eighteenth day of this Infant may at four OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will except of the report of the Committee chofen to settle with the Town Trefurer

3^y To see if the Town will chofe sum person to give Ebn^r Thurston Town trefurer a Deed of his Pews . . .

4^y To see what order the Town will take respecting those pews that was bid of the first sale and are not yet

paid for and act anything theiron as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alterations in any of the school Districts agreable to a request of a number of the Inhabitants or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

6^{ly} To see if the Town will discharge John Putnum Jun^r from the expence of raising the New meeting Houfe in Fitchburg or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

[62] 7^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to View, and if they shall think it expedient to lay out a road from the other road near Sam^l Phelps a crost to the New Meeting house agreable to a request of a number of the Inhabitants or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

8^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to over see the Leveling of the Common, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

9^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse sum person to over see and take Care of the Towns Land or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned, given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this Second Day of May AD. 1797

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
Seth Phillips }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to meet at time and place and for the purposof within mentioned. Daniel Wetherbee Conftable

Fitchburg May 18th 1797.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Thursday the 18th day of May 1797.

1^{ly} Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that the Committee appointed to settle with the Treafurer as they have offered their report for the confideration of the Town that they receive the report back again and afsertain as near as they can what the Town owes, as well as what is Due the Town and make report at Sep^t meeting

3^{ly} Voted that the Town Clerk give a title in behalf of the Town, of a Pew, or Pews, to Eben^t Thurston, such as he has purchased in the new meeting houfe

4^{ly} A vote being put to see if the Town will request the Town Treafurer to demand the money of those persons that purchased Pews in the new meeting Houfe at Vendue March 10th 1795 what they are Deficient in payment in payment, and if they pay the money by the 30th of may Instant to demand no Interest, and if they do not pay the money to take their notes on Interest on demand from the time the money became Due, and the Treafurer to make report at the next Town meeting of his doings, And the vote pafs^d in the affirmative

5^{ly} A vote being put to see if the Town will discharge M^r John Putnum Ju^r from the expence of raising the New meeting Houfe in Fitchburg agreable to his request, The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative

[63] 6^{ly} Voted to chufe a Committee to view the ground for a road from the North east part of the Town to the New Meeting houfe agreable to a request of a number of signers (viz) Jacob Jaquith & others and make report to the Town next meeting

7^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee for the above purpose

8. Voted & chofe the Selectmen for the committee

9^{ly} Voted to chufe a Committee to Infpect the Leveling the common nigh the new meeting houfe

10 Voted that the committee confist of three, that the whole attend upon the befiness to determine how it is best for the Surveyors to proceed in the befiness and when the Surveyors attend to do the work, only one of the Committee to attend the befiness and one of y^e committee to attend the whole of the time, when the Surveyors do work

11^{ly} Voted & chofe Paul Wetherbee Cap^t W^m Brown & Joseph Fox a committee for the above purpose . . .

12^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to over see and take care of the Towns Land

13^{ly} Voted & chose Jonas Marshall Jun^r a Committee for the above purpose

14^{ly} Voted to annex Oliver Stickney, Amos Sheldon, John Carter & Daniel Putnum Jr to the school District South of the persons above named agreeable to their request

15^{ly} Voted difsolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachusetts to require you in due corse of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of s^d Town that are Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old meeting houle on tusday the Twentyeth day of this Infant June at three OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alterations in the pecuniary terms that have ben proposed by said Town to M^r Sam^l Worcester in case he shall settle with us in the work of the Gospel ministry or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

3^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to Supply the pulpit, and act any thing as they shall think propper.

4^{ly} To see if the Town will except of the report of the Committee chofen to view the a proposed road from the northerly part of the Town to the meeting houle and act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

5^{ly} To see if the Town will lay out a road from M^r Nehemiah Fullers houle to M^r Abel Bawldin land or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said

Day and time above mentioned given under Our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of June in the year 1797.

John Thurston Jun^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Said Town as theirin exprest to meet at time and place and for the purposos within mentioned.

Daniel Wetherbee Conftable

[64] Att a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Tusday the 20th day of June 1797.

1^{ly} Voted & chofe Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

The forth article in the warrant taken up which is in respect of the Committee that was appointed to view a proposed road from the North part of the Town to the meeting houfe.

2^{ly} Voted that the Committee appointed for the above purpose receive their report again, and at sum futer meeting, report where it is best for the road to be laid out, and what expence it will be to the Town for the Land if the road should be laid out and excepted.

The Second Article in the warrant taken up respecting Mr Sam^l Worcester's pecuniary terms

It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town would make any alterations in the pecuniary terms respecting Setling Mr Sam^l Worcester in the work of the Gofpel miniftry in this Town

3^{ly} The vote being put it pafed in the affirmative

4^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to make the proposed alteration and make their report at this meeting in a Quarter of an hour

5^{ly} Voted that the committee confist of five —

6^{ly} Voted & chofe Cap^t W^m Brown Deacon Kendol Boutell Mr Robert Burnam, Liu^t Edward Durant & Mr John Thurfton J^r a committee for the above purpose.

The fifth Article in the warrant taken up, respecting laying out a road from Mr Nehemiah Fullers houfe to Mr Abel Bawldins Land It was moved and Seconded to see

if it was the minds of the Town, that their be a road laid out as above proposed provided Mr Abel Bawldin will pay the Damages.

7^y The Vote being put it pafs in the affirmative

The Committee appointed to make the alterations respecting the pecuniary terms with regard to Mr Sam^l Worcester, Setling with us in the work of the Gospell mineftry, made their report as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to take into confideration, and make sum alterations in the propofals that have ben made by said Town to Mr Sam^l Worcester, beg leave to report viz. first, that the Town take of twenty pounds from the propofals that has ben made to Mr Sam^l Worcester Annually.

Secondly That the Town give Mr Sam^l Worcester two hundred pounds as a Settlement, One hundred pound to be paid in One year after his ordination and the other hundred pound in two years after his ordination with Interest from the time of his ordination

William Brown per order

It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town will except of the above report

8^y The Vote being put it pafsed in the affirmative.

[65] 9^y Voted that the Committee appointed to make the alterations respecting the propofals that has ben made to Mr Sam^l Worcester, be requested to furnish Mr Worcester with a copy of the alterations as soon as is convenient

10^y Voted to pafs over the third article in the warrant

11^y Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due courfe of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to

vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old meeting house on Munday the Twenty first day of this infant August at Three oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^y To see what time the Town will agree upon for the Ordination of M^r Samuel Worcester, and likewise make provifion for the same and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of Aug^t in the year of our Lord AD 1797

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town as their in exprefs^d to meet at time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

Daniel Wetherbee Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 21st day of Aug^t 1797.

1^y Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r moderator

2^y Voted that the last Wednesday in September next, be the day appointed for the Ordination of M^r Samuel Worcester

3^y Voted to chuse a committee to receive proposals from any Gentleman, for what sum they will Entertain the Counfell at the Ordination, and make report to the Town in one hour.

4^y Voted that the Committee consist of three

5^y Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r M^r Paul Wetherbee & M^r Afa Perry a committee for the above purpose.

6^y Voted to adjorn this meeting for one hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjornment the meeting Opened

The committee appointed to receive the propofals made their report, with the propofals from Several Gentlemen and after debating upon the matter and considering all propofals,

[66] 7^y Voted to accept the proposal made by Leiu^t Edward Durant which is as follows (viz) He will provide for the Counfell for the prime cost of the Vituals & drink that he shall on said Counfell Expend, and heve in all the Cost of Cooking & Table furniture, and be paid for Lodging and feed for horfes if any their be.

8^y Voted to chufe a committee to direct M^t Durant how many to provide for, and Inſpect his account for allowance

9^y Voted to chufe Three as a committee for the above purpose

10^y Voted & chofe M^t Paul Wetherbee M^r Afa Perry & M^t Mofes Hale a committee for the above purpose.

11^y Voted that their be a committee chofen to aſſiſt the Conſtables in regulating the Meeting houſe on the Day of Ordination

12^y Voted that the committee conſiſt of three to aſſiſt the Conſtables

13^y Voted and chofe M^t Joseph Polly M^t Abel Lincoln & Cap^t Jacob Burnap

14^y Voted to add two more to the above committee viz M^t Tho^s Cowdin & M^t John Willard

15^y Voted that the above committee be a committee to Shore the Gallerys to Secure them on the Day of Ordination, and Secure the Seats for the Signers on Said Day.

16 Voted to chufe One Man as a Committee to notify the Counfell and thoſe perſons expected to dine with the Counfell, where they are to repair too to be Entertained.

17^y Voted & chofe Israel Turner Eſq^t for the above purpose

18 Voted to Diſſolve the meeting

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worceſter. ſs: To either of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg in ſaid County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of
 (Seal) Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
 other inhabitants of s^d Town qualified by Law
 to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at the old
 meeting house on munday the fourth day of Sep^r next at
 One oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following
 articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raife
 to support the schools the year Enfuing and act any
 theiron as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town
 will raife to support the adminestration of the Gospell or
 act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town
 will raife to pay the Towns Debts and other Necessary
 charges or act any thing theiron as they shall think
 proper

5^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to cover
 the Bridge near Wards mill or act any thing theiron as
 they shall think proper

6^{ly} To see if the Town will here and accept the report
 of the Committee chofen to settle with the Treasurer

[67] 7^{ly} To see if the Town will except of the re-
 port of the Committee chofen to view A proposed road
 from the Northerly part of the town to the meeting house
 and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . .

8^{ly} To see if the Town will except the report of the
 Committee chofen to lay out fifty dollars on the New
 County road.

9^{ly} To see if the Town will make any Provision for
 building a pound or act any thing theiron as they shall
 think proper

10^{ly} To see if the Town will give the Committee that
 was chofen to paint the new meeting house any further
 instructions

11^{ly} To see if the Town will hold their Town meet-
 ings in the new meeting house for the futer

12^{ly} To see what order the Town will take respecting

building school houfes and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty first day of August AD. 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Persuant to the within warrant I have Notified the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified as within directed to meet at time and place within mentioned

Benj^a Marshall Conftable . . .

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 4th day of Sep^r 1797

1st Voted and chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator

2^d Voted to raife One hundred pounds to support the schools the year Enfuing

3^d Voted to raise Two hundred & forty pounds, for the following purposes viz One hundred pound for M^r Sam^l Worcester's Sallery for the first year, also one hundred pounds that being the first payment of M^r Sam^l Worcester's Settlement, and also forty pounds Arerages for preaching & boarding the Minefter which the Town has expended more than their has ben money raised for . .

4^d Voted that the Affefsors add to the Minefter tax the expence of providing for the Counsell to the Two hundred & forty pounds when the sum shall be affertained.

5^d Voted to raife One hundred and Ten pounds to pay the Towns Debts and necessary charges

6^d Voted to reconsider the last vote, and in lew thereof.

7^d Voted to raife Eighty pounds to pay the Towns Debts & Neccessary charges

8^d Voted that the covering of the Bridge nigh Wards Mill be let out to be covered, to the lowest bidder at Vendue

9^{ly} Voted that the Bridge be covered with White pine plank three Inches thick

10 Voted to chufe a committee to let out the covering of of the Bridge nigh Wards Mill with Plank and see that it is done according to agreement

11^{ly} Voted to chufe One Man as a committee for the above purpose

12^{ly} Voted & chose Mr Joseph Downe a committee man for the above purpose and make report to the Town at sum futer meeting

The Committee appointed by the Town to reckon & Settle with the Treaferer have attended the Service & make or report as follows viz —

	Dollars	Cents	mills
We find in the hands of M ^r Blaney Phillips collector for the year 1795	\$ 47 ..	76	. 5
We find in the hands of M ^r Paul Wetherbee collector for the year 1795	\$ 30 ..	21	. 6
We find in the hands of M ^r Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1796	\$ 604 ..	10	. 6
We find in the hands of M ^r David Macintire Collector for the year 1796	\$ 619 ..	93	. 6

We also find in the hands of the Treaferer the following notes the Towns property.

— over —

[68] brought over —	\$		
One note signd Edward Scott Dated Febr ^y 7 th 1794 £1..7..10 is	\$ 4..	60	.0
One note signd David Gibson dated April 5 th 1790 0.12.1.3 is	2..	2	.0
One note signd Benj ^d Kemp dated March 22 nd 1790 0..14.11. is	2..	44	.0
One note signd Peter Snow dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	45..	37	.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	3..	12	.0
One note signd W ^m Brown dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	13..	31	.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	3..	44	.0
One note signd Nchemiah Fuller Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1797	30..	0	.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	10..	0	.0

One note signd Jacob Jaquith dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	17..50.0
One note signd Jonas Marhall Ju ^r dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	32.. 6.0
One note signd Gedion Simons & Tho ^s Cowdin Ju ^r Nov ^r 21 st 1796	14..63.0
One note signd Jacob Burnap dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	18..75.0
One note signd Abial Holt & Elias Meffenger dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	16..12.0
One note signd Daniel M. Stears & Kendol Bountell Ju ^r dated No ^r 21 st 1796	15..38.0
One note signd Ezra Ritter dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	12..75.0
One note signd Joseph Fox dated Nov ^r 21, 1796	22..88.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	21..38.0
One note signd Benja ^a Hawks dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	15.. 0.0
One note signd Amos Parce dated Nov ^r 21: 1796	13..87.0
One note signd Paul Wetherbee dated No ^r 21 1796	49..50.0
One note signd Simeon Farwell No ^r 21, 1796	15..75.0
One note signd Daniel Wetherbee Nov ^r 21, 1796	9..12.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	36..38.0
One note signd Anger Cowdin Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	7..25.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	27..75.0
The above notes are all on Interest	
We also find due from Leiu ^t Afaph Goodridge in part of four Pews in the New Meeting house he purchased at the first vendue March 10 th 1795	52.67.0
We also find due from Maj ^r John Goodridge in part of one Pew in the New meeting house he purchased at the first Vendue March 10 th 1795	21.54.0
We also find due from Elisha Chamberlin in part of one Pew in the New meeting house he purchafed at the first Vendue March 10 th 1795	9.54.0

We also find due from Phinehas Allen in part of one Pew in the new meeting houfe he purchased at y^e first Vendue March 10th 1795 9.97.0

\$1856.11.3

We also find that the Trefaurer has given his note to Cap^t Tho^s Thurston for money borrowed which the Town is to account for by the Settlement of the Committee for . . \$60^{dol}—

John Thurston Ju^r } Committee appointed
 Paul Wetherbee } by the Town to settle
 Joseph Fox } with the Trefaurer.

Ebn^r Thurston, Trefaurer

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the 18th day of May 1797

The Town voted to give the Committee that was appointed to settle with the Trefaurer further derections (viz) to see what the Town is Indebted and report the whole at Sep^t meeting, as nigh as they can affertain . .

On the 25th Aug^t 1797 the Committee meet for the purpose of finding out what the Town is now Indebted and make our report to the town as follows viz —

To Mr Jon^a Smith sum unknown supposed to be 22.. 0. 0
 carried up —

[69] dol Cents mils
 up 22.. 0. 0

To Mr Ebn^r Thurston note dated Aug^t 25th 1797 on Interest for 162..45. 0

To Leiu^t Seth Phillips note dated April 4th 1796 on Int for 19.. 0. 0

To Mr Afa Perry note dated May 1st 1797 on Interest for 200.. 0. 0

To Mr Reuben Smith Ju^r note dated Decemb^r 18th 1796 on Intrst for 53.. 0. 0

To Mr Jonathan Smith note dated Aug^t 29th 1796 on Interst for 24.. 0. 0

To Joseph Fox note dated May 9th 1796 on Interst for 29..37. 8

To Mr Peter Town note dated January 18 th 1797 on Interest for	500..	0.	0
To Cap ^t Tho ^s Thurston note dated Interest the same as mentioned in the first report	60..	0.	0
Expences for preaching & boarding the Min- ister more than their has ben money raised by the Town	93..	50.	0
Laid out upon the New County road that the money has not ben raised	50..	0.	0
Triming for the Pulpit which the money has not ben raised	40..	0.	0
To Mr Tho ^s Noyce note Dated Nov ^r 1 st 1796 on Interest	19..	0	0
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	\$1272..	32.	8

John Thurston Ju^r } Committee to settle with the Treaf-
Paul Wetherbee } urer & to see what the Town is
Joseph Fox. } Indebted & report to the Town—
Ebn^r Thurston Town Trefurer.

13^{ly} Voted to except the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town trefurer and likewise to see as near as they could what the Town is Indebted

14^{ly} Voted to except the report of the Committee to lay out fifty dollars on the county road from Gedians shop towards Leominster as they have made their report— which is 49^{dol} 15^{cents}

15^{ly} Voted to build a New Pound

16^{ly} Voted to erect a Pound upon M^r Benj^a Danforths Land at sum spot between the Horse Stables upon the south side of the Common nigh the New meeting house & Land that M^r Danforth Sold to M^r Nath^l F. Cunningham on the line of the Common.

17^{ly} Voted to erect the Pound proposed with Stone.

18^{ly} Voted that the Pound be erected two rods Square within the walls.

19 Voted to chufe a committee to receive Proposals from any person or persons what they will build the Pound for and make report to the next Town meeting

20 Voted to chufe a committee to receive proposals from any person or persons what they will build the Pound for where it is now voted to be built, or any other Sutable place in the Judgment of the Committee that will best accomedate the Town

21 Voted that the Committee consist of three.

22 Voted and Chofe M^r Abraham Willard Cap^t W^m Brown & Deacon Sam^l Gibson a Committee for the above purpose.

23 Voted that the Pound be completed by the first of June next and that the Committee inform the person or persons who make propofals that it is expected the Pound to be completed the first of June next.

24 Voted to pafs over the 10th article in the warrant

25 Voted that the Town hold the Town meeting in the old meeting houle for the futer untill the further order of the Town

26 Voted that their be a committee chosen for each Deftrict to lay out the school money and that each committee man be under the direction of the deftrict to which he belongs

27. Voted & chofe M^r Joseph Low Ju^r for the first Deftrict.

28 Voted & chofe M^r Abijah Goodridge for the second Deftrict.

29. Voted & chofe Deacon Boutell & M^r John osborn for the 3rd Deftrict.

30 Voted & chofe M^r Jacob Upton for the 4th Deftrict.

31 Voted & chofe M^r Abraham Willard & M^r Blany Phillips for the 5th Deftrict.

32 Voted & chofe M^r Nathan Badcock for the sixth Deftrict.

33. Voted & chofe M^r Sam^l Phelps & M^r Jacob Macintire for the 7th Deftrict.

34 Voted to choofe a committee to deftrict the Town a new, for the purpose of placing school houfes in the Town, and that the committee pitch upon a spot in each deftrict to place the school houle and place the corner stone.

[70] 35^y Voted that their be three Committeemen from each Deftrict and that they attend upon the befincs without any expence to the Town

36^y Voted to reconsider the last vote.

37^y Voted to chufe Seven as a committee for the above purpose.

38^y Voted to adjorn this meeting to the second Munday in Oct^r next one oClock in the after noon then to meet at this place

Oct^r 9th the Town meet according to adjornment

Voted to pafs over the seventh article respecting a proposed road for the present

Voted to except of the report of the Committee chofen to lay out the pound as far as respects the form of the Pound

Voted to let out the Building of y^c Pound at the lowest bidder.

Voted that the Committee that was chofen to draw a plan of the Pound to be the Committee to let out the building to said pound and inspect it.

Voted that the undertaker of said Pound shall have the previledge of chufing whether he Will build on the Towns Land, or on Benj^a Danforth^s Land where it is staked out, and have the previledge of taking the stone off of the Towns Land if they please

Voted that if they build the said Pound on the Towns Land that they shall dig a trench below where the frost will come & fill it up with stone to fet the wall on . .

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting chufing seven for the Committee to deftrict the Town

Voted to chufe six for a Committee one out of each deftrict to make a Center Deftrict

Voted that M^r Robert Burnam be one of this committee

Voted that Israel Turner Esq^r be one of the Committee

Voted that M^r Benj^a Flint be one of the Committee

Voted that M^r Seth Phillips be one of the Committee

Voted that M^r Stephen Thurston be one of the Committee

Voted that M^r John Thurston be one of the Committee

Voted that M^r Afa Perry in the Rome of M^r Burnam & difmifed M^r Burnam

Voted to Excufe Israel Turner Esq^r from this Committee

Voted that Deacon Boutell be one of this Committee

Voted that this Committee make a report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the 23rd day of this Instant at One OClock P. M.

Oct^r 23rd 1797 The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting oppened.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment

A vote was put to see if the Town would purchase the school houfes now in said Town: And it pafsed in Negative.

The committee appointed to make out the Lines for the middle school Deftrict reported as follows (viz) . . .

First that the following inhabitants be considered as the out lines for the middle School Deftrict begining at the Widow Hannah Cowdius from thence to Leu^t Edward Durants & Joseph Lows & Phinehas Allens [71] and Joseph Sawyers & Aaron Darbys & Ezra Ritters & Benj^a Wilfons all the Inhabitants that are comprehended in these lines are to be considered as belonging to the middle school Deftrict

Secondly that it is our oppinnion the school houfe ought to stand on M^r Danforth^s Land about sixteen feet from the south East End of M^r Pools Stable to best convene the Deftrict and we expect the Land will be no expence to the Town.

Afa Perry	}	Committee
Kendol Boutell		
Seth Phillips		
Benj ^a Flint		
John Thurston Jr ^r		
Stephen Thurston		

Fitchburg Oct^r y^e 16th 1797

The vote being put to see if the Town will accept the report of the committee appointed to make out the Lines of the middle school District,

And it passed in the Negative.

Voted to chuse a committee out of the proposed middle District to district the rest of the Town and appoint the place where Each school house shall be built and place the corner stone, except those districts which are satisfied with their own school houses they shall have the privilege of drawing the money back that they are taxed towards building school houses & make report the next Town meeting

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted & Chose Cap^t W^m Brown M^r Eph^r Kimball & Leu^t Edward Durant

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

The meeting accordingly dissolved.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: fs: To either of the Contables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due course of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town that are Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and Assemble at the old meeting house on munday the ninth day of Oct^r next at two o'clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see what order the Town will take respecting those Pews that were bid of the first sale and are not as yet paid for and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

3^d To see if the Town will give their Treasurer any further Instructions respecting the Methodist and Baptists Certificates or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4th To see if the Town will raise any Sum or Sums of money for the purpose of hiring a Master to teach Mufick for the ensuing year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper agreeable to a request of a number of the Inhabitants

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty second day of September AD. 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town as therein expressed to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Daniel Wetherbee Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 9th day of Oct^r 1797

1st Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r moderator

2 Voted to adjourn the meeting for one hour

Meet according to adjournment

Voted to pass over the second article for the present

Voted to pass over the third article for the present

Voted to raise a Sum of money to support the Mufick

[72] Voted to raise Thirty dollars to support the Mufick

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 23rd day of this Instant at two OClock P. M.

23rd Oct^r 1797 The Town meet according to adjournment

Voted to chuse a committee to examine the Certificates of the Methodists & Baptists teachers which shall be presented to the Treasurer for to draw back their minister tax of either of the orders, and those Certificates which the Committee agree to be such as the Town has agreed upon, the Treasurer is desired to pay out accordingly

Voted to reconsider the last vote respecting the Certificates presented by the Methodists & Baptists

Voted to chufe a committee for the above purpose to affist the Treafurer

Voted to chufe two as a committee for the above purpose

Voted & chofe Joseph Fox as one of the committee

Voted & chofe M^r Abraham Willard as one of the Committee

Voted to excufe Joseph Fox from serving as one of the committee

Voted and chofe Daniel Putnum Esq^r in the rome of Joseph Fox difinifed

Voted to excufe M^r Abraham Willard from serving as one of the Committee

Voted & chofe Cap^t W^m Brown in the rome of M^r A. Willard difinifed

Voted to Excufe Cap^t W^m Brown as serving on the Committee.

Voted & chofe M^r Paul Wetherbee in the rome of Cap^t Brown difinifed

Voted that the Committee make their report at the next Town meeting for acceptance.

A vote was put to see if the Town would reconsider the vote at the last Town meeting refpecting raising thirty dollars to support the Mufick And it pafed in the affirmative

Voted to difsolve this meeting
the meeting was accordingly difsolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcefter. fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within the County of Worcester . Greeting.

(Seal) There are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old meeting houfe on wednefday the third Day of January next at One oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting.

2^y To see what order the Town will take upon a Notification the Selectmen have rec^d from the Town of Gardner respecting Oliver Upton and act anything thereon as they shall think proper

3^y To see if the Town will here and except of the report of the Committee chofen the last Town meeting to examine the Baptists and Methodist Certificates or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon [73] to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned, Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Eighteenth day of December in the year 1797. John Thurston Jur^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Persuant to the within warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of said Town to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Daniel Wetherbee Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg January 3rd 1798.

1^y Voted & chose Israrel Turner Esq^r Moderator

2. Voted to direct the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg to object to the Town of Gardner against taking Oliver Upton

3^y Voted to Direct the Selectmen to git the best counsell that they can concerning the said Oliver Upton

4^y Voted to except of the report of the Committee concerning the Baptists & Methodist Certificates which report is as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers being chofen a committee on the 23rd day of October last to assist the Town Treasurer in Examining the Certificates lately given to a number of our Inhabitants to discharge them from Minester taxes and likewise to Draw money out of our Treasurer that has ben paid in for the Support of Publick worship without any Exense or Molestation whatever, said Certificates signd by Stephen Gibson and Phillip Wager,

Beg leave to report to the Town as follows for their Consideration, that agreeable to the Town Vote the Treafurer is directed to pay back the money that has ben paid by all those persons who formerly remonstrated to the Town against paying minetter taxes with us who are now Inhabitants of this Town they producing Certificates from Religious Teachers that they attend on their Instructions; But that no money be reimbursed to any person of this town or to their teachers who have never given in their Names to the Town in a legal way that they intended to Join another Society Either Methodists or Baptists and that the following persons are not intitled to draw back any money they have paid towards the Support of publick worship with us, namely Doc^t Jonas Marshall, Jacob Macintire, Daniel Macintire, Edward Burnap, John Pratt, Elias Macintire, Benj^a Herrick, Doc^t Ephraim Stone, Jonathan Smith, Benj^a Kemp, Ephraim Smith, Reuben Smith, Barnard Bawldin; . . . That it is our opinion the Town Petition the General Court that an Explanatory Refolve should pass that Honorable Body what proceedings shall be had for the futer respecting the Baptists and Methodists, all which is humbly Submitted

Daniel Putnum } Committee
 Paul Wetherbee }

Fitchburg January 3rd 1798.

5^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to Petition to the General Court an Explanatory act

6. Voted to chuse a Committee

7. Voted that this Committee shall Consist of three.

Voted that Daniel Putnum Esq^r be one of this Committee, Capt William Brown to be one of the Committee . . . Abraham Willard

Voted that this Committee be directed to furnish the Nefefary Documents to accompany the Petition.

Voted to Defolve this meeting.

Israrel Turner Moderator
 Benj^a Marshall Clerk Protempory
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[74] Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you to Notify by ver-
 (Seal) bell warning the freeholders & other Inhabitants
 of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old meeting Houfe on Wedney third day of this Instant January at three oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will Remonstrate to the Leg-
 itive body of this Commonwealth against the Erection of
 new Cort Houfe in the Town of Worcester and pray that
 the County may be divided, or act any thing theiron as
 they shall think proper — Hereof fail not and make
 return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum
 one of us on the day and time above mentioned . . .

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this third
 day of January AD. 1798 John Thurston Jun^r } Selectmen
 Paul Wetherbee } of
 Seth Phillips } Fitchburg.

Persuant to the within written warrant I have noti-
 fied & warned all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of
 the Town of Fitchburg to meet at time & place & for the
 purpose within mentioned Benj^a Marshall Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg Januy
 3rd 1798

1^{ly} Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator to
 govern said Meeting

2^{ly} Voted to Remonstrate against building a New
 Court Houfe in Worcester

3^{ly} Voted To Petition to have the County Divided

4^{ly} Voted that the Town of Harvard & Leominster
 be Notified of this benefes

5^{ly} Voted to chuse chuse a Committee to Remonstrate
 against building a new Court Houfe & alfo to Petition to
 have the County Divided

6th Voted that the Committee Consist of three
Voted that Daniel Putnum Esq^r Cap^t Will^m Brown &
Abraham Willard be of this Committee.

Israel Turner Moderator

Benj^a Marshall Clerk Protembery

Recorded by — Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[75] Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of
the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting
(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corse of
Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote
in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old meet-
ing houfe on Wednefdlay the Twenty first day of this In-
fant February at two oClock P. M. and when meet to
act on the following (viz)

1st To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see what order the Town will take upon a
late demand that has ben made against the Town by
those persons who Deem themselves by profefsion Baptists
and Methodist and act any thing theiron as they shall
think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said
Day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
sixth day of February A. D 1798

John Thurston Jur^t }
Seth Phillips } Selectmen

Worcester, fs. Persuant to the within warrant I have
Notified all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town
meetings to meet at time and place and for the purpose
within Mentioned

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg affembled February 21st 1798

1st Voted and chose Cap^t W^m Brown Moderator

2^y Voted to chuse a Committee to confer with Mr Phillip Wager said to be a Teacher of a Methodist Society in Fitchburg, and Mr Stephen Gibson of Ashby said to be a teacher of a Baptist Society in Fitchburg, also a Demand of Doc^t Isaiah Parker teacher of a Baptist Society in Harvard, or their attorneys for that purpose, and to make a Settlement with them for their demands upon the Town for taxes they have paid towards the Support of Publick Worship, and if they cannot make a Settlement to refer the matter to referees

3^y Voted that the Committee Consist of five

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Joseph Fox, Cap^t W^m Brown, Daniel Putnum Esq^r & Mr Paul Wetherbee a Committee for the above purpose

Voted to disolve this meeting. the meeting was accordingly disolved.

William Brown Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester: fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) Maffachusetts to require you in due corfe of Law
(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the Old meeting house on Munday the fifth Day of March next at nine oClock in the morning and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To Chuse a Town Clerk and Selectmen and other Town officers as the Law directs and act any thing in regard to choofing Collectors as they shall think proper.

3^y To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair the highways and bridges the year infuing and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . .

4^y To see if the Town will except of any Road that has ben laid out by the Selectmen or their order . . .

5^y To see if the Town will pay the expence of raising the New meeting house agreeable to the undertakers request, he follows the request

To see if the Town will pay the expence of Raising the new meeting in Fitchburg which is thought in General that the Town ought in Justice to pay & the undertaker thinks it very hard if the Town will not allow it.

John Putnum.

To Mr John Thurston sir please to put this article in at March meeting.

[76] 6^y To see if the Town will except the list of Juror Men that is made out by the Selectmen

7^y To see what sum or sums of money The Town will raife to pay the Towns Debts and other Necessary charges and act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

8^y To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to support the Reverend M^r Worcester the year Enfuing

9^y To see what sum of money the Town will raife to support the schools the year infuing and act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

10^y To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor the year infuing or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

11^y To see if the Town will Vote the swine to run at Large under the regulations of the Law

12^y To see if the Town will give Joseph Fenno a Deed of the Land they formerly voted him off of the Boynton Lot or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

13^y To see if the Town will dispose of the old meeting house or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

14 Hereof fail not and make return of Warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands & seal, at Fitchburg this Fifteenth day of February AD. 1798

John Thurston Jun^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
Seth Phillips }

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 5th day of March 1798.

1^{ly} Voted & chofe M^r Afa Perry Moderator

2^{ly} Voted & chofe Joseph Fox Town Clerk
. Town Clerk

3^{ly} Voted & chofe M^r Eben^r Thurston Town Treafurer
urur Town Treafurer

4^{ly} Voted to chufe three Selectmen for the year Infuing.

5^{ly} 6^{ly} 7^{ly} Voted & Chofe M^r John Thurston Ju^r M^r Paul Wetherbee, & M^r Seth Phillips Selectmen

8^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be the Affeffors the Prefent year Affeffors

9^{ly} Voted to let out the Collectorship as it was the last year (viz) to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound, the lowest bidder to git two bondfimen to the acceptance of the Town

10^{ly} Voted to Chufe a Committee to let out the Collectorship at Vendue and make their report at the adjournment of this meeting.

11^{ly} Voted that the Committee confist of Seven

Voted & chofe Thomas Eaton, Mofes Hale, Joseph Fox, Daniel Farwell Afa Perry, Cap^t Benj^a Marfhall & Amos Ordway a committee for the above purpofe . . .

Voted to add three to the above Committee

Voted & Chofe Liu^t Edward Durant, Doc^t Peter Snow & Thomas Cowdin for the above purpofe

Voted to chufe the same number of Highway Surveyors as last year

Voted & chofe Joshua Parcc, Mofes Hale, Daniel Farwell Ju^r Amos Lawrance, Phinehas Brown, Samuel Cafwell, Doc^t Peter Snow Reuben Smith, Daniel Wetherbee, Joseph Polly, Benj^a Herriek, Daniel Putnum Esq^t Joseph Downe, Aaron Wheeler, & Seth Phillips to be the highway Surveyors the year infuing . . Highway Surveyors

Voted & chofe Kendol Boutell Ju^r Daniel Farwell Ju^r Elias Meflinger Benj^a Smith Ju^r Enfign James Cowdin, Samuel Gibson Ju^r Daniel Whitmore, Nathan Badcock Ju^r Sewell Fullum, Daniel. M. Stearns & Jonathan Boynton Hog Reves for the year Enfuing . . . Hoggreaves

[77] Voted & chose Samuel Phelps & Jacob Osborn firewards for the year infuing Firewards

Voted & chose William Small Surveyor of Lumber the year infuing Surveyor of Lumber

Voted & chose Daniel Farwell & Amos Wheeler fence viewers for the year infuing Fence Viewers

Voted & Chose Cap^t Jacob Burnap & Simeon Farwell field drivers the year infuing Field drivers

Voted & chose David Parce Sealer of Weights & meafures Seallers of weights & Measures

Voted & chose Moses Hale & Joseph Simonds Sealers of Leather the year infuing Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall Ju^r Pound keeper the year Infuing. Pound keeper

Voted & chose Hezekiah Hodgskins & Stephen Thurston Ju^r Tythingmen the year Infuing . . Tythingmen

Voted & chose Joseph Downe Surveyor of hoops & staves the year infuing . . Surveyor of hoop & Staves

Voted to let out the Saxton befiness to the lowest bidder by a committee and report to the Town at the adjornment of March meeting

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose Jonathan Flint, Cap^t Jacob Burnap, & Joseph Polly a committee for the above purpose

Voted to raise Two hundred & twenty five pounds to repair the highways and Bridges the present year

Voted that they money raised for the highways & Bridges be laid out in the same manner as last year as to allowance for wages of men, Cattle &c.

Voted that M^r Ephraim Kimball & Ephraim Kimball Ju^r be allowed to work out their highway taxes this present year to help themselves over the river to the County road

Voted that this meeting be adjorned for one hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjornment oppened the meeting and proceeded to befiness

Voted to accept the list of Jurormen as presented by the Selectmen

Voted to raise the Salary for the support of The Reverend Mr Samuel Worcester for one year it being One hundred pound, for the year 1798

Voted to raise One hundred pounds it being for the remaining part of the Reverend Mr Samuel Worcester Settlement

Voted to raise One hundred pound to Support the school the year infuing

Voted that each School Distriet draw their money in propotion to the schoollers in said Distriet according to the numbers of schoollers from four years to twenty one years of Age

Voted that the schoollers in each Distriet be confined to their own distriet with respect to schooling

Voted to Chuse a Committee man for each Distriet to lay out the school money agreable to the above vote . . .

Voted, & chose Lieu: Edward Durant, Mr Afa Perry, Mr Zachus Farwell Mr Jacob Osborn, Mr Joseph Polley, Mr Elijah Carter, Mr Thomas Cowdin Mr Benja Herrick, Mr Jeremiah Kinfman, & Mr Amos Lawrence a school Committee for the year Infuing . . . School Committee

Voted that Each School Committeeman be requested to make return of the number of schoollers from four years old to twenty one years of age to the Selectmen on or before the last day of July next

Voted that each school Committeeman be under the direction of the distriet to which they belong to lay out their propotion of the school money.

Here follows a copy of a request of Mr John Putnam the undertaker of the new meeting Houfe (viz) To see if the Town will pay the Expence of Raifing the New meeting houfe in Fitchburg which is thought in General that the Town ought in Justice to pay & the Undertaker thinks it very hard if the Town will not allow it.

Signd John Putnam.

To Mr John Thurston Sir please to put this article in at March meeting

[78] A vote being put to see if the Town would pay the expence of raising the New meeting Houfe agreable to the under takers request, and it pafsed in the Negative.

A vote being put to see if the Town will pay the Men that allisted the Undertaker to raife the new meeting houfe, and it pafsed in the affirmative

Voted that the Poor be let out to the lowest bidder on the same Conditions as last year

Voted that the Committee that was chofen to let out the Collectorship be the Committee to let out the poor & report at the adjournment.

Voted to add two to the Committee

Voted & chofe Maj^r John Goodridge & Daniel Putnam Esq^r Committeemen for the above purpose

Voted that the Swine run at Large under the Regulation of the Law the year Infuing

Voted that The Town Treafurer give a Deed in behalf of the Town to Joseph Fenno of a certain peice of Land which the Town has formerly voted to the said Fenno the said Fenno to be at the Expence of the Deed.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Munday the 12th day of this prefent month at One oClock in the afternoon at this place

On munday March 12th 1798 The Town meet according to adjournment

On motion Voted to take up the fifth Article in the warrant refpecting m^r John Putnams request which was refpecting paying the Expence of raifing the New meeting Houfe

Voted to reconsider the Votes already voted refpecting M^r John Putnams request in the fifth article in the warrant and have that article Stand the same as when it was first taken up to act upon

It was motioned & seconded, and the the Vote being put, to see if it is the mind of the Town that they pay M^r John Putnum the Expence of raifing the New meeting agreeable to his request in the fifth article in the warrant, and it pafs^d in the Negative

Voted to raife Five hundred dollars to pay the Towns Debts and Necessary charges the year Infuing

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chofen to let out the Collectorship & The Towns poor . . . which is as follows . . . (viz)

Munday Evening March 5th 1798

The committee appointed to let out the Collectorship & the Towns poor at Vendue to the lowest bidder having attended the beinefs to which we were appointed at Mrfs Cowdins they Set up the Collectorship upon the south side of the Town upon the hundred pound agreeable to the vote of the Town

And was bid of to M^r Samuel Harrifs Ju^r at 28/ upon the hundred pound

Set up the Collectorship upon the North Side of the Town and was bid of the David Hodgskins at 32/ upon the hundred pound

Set up Ephraim Smith to keep by the weak to the lowest bidder upon the same prinfables as he was Set up the last year, and bid of to Jacob Osborn at 3/0 p^r weak.

Set up Mary Wares to keep by the weak to the lowest bidder or the highest bidder for the weak upon the same prinfables as she was the last year. And bid of to M^r John Farwell for which he agreed to give 3^d p^r weak to the Town

Signd Thomas Eaton } p^r order of
the Committee

Munday Evening March 5th 1798 The committee appointed to let out the Saxton beinefs having attending the beinefs to which we were appointed at Mrfs Cowdins Set up to the lowest bidder And bid of to M^r Aaron Eaton at 17/6 for the year infuing

Jonathan Flint p^r order of the Committee.

[79] Voted to accept of M^r Daniel Wetherbee & M^r Daniel M. Stearns as Bondfman for M^r Samuel Harrifs Jun^r for Serving as Collector for the South Side of the Town

Voted to accept of M^r Tho^s Eaton & M^r Seth Phillips as Bondfmen for M^r David Hodgskins for Serving as Collector for the North side of the Town

Voted & chofe M^r David Hodgskins Collector for the North Side of the Town for the year infuing . . Collector

Voted & chofe M^r Samuel Harrifs Ju^r Collector for the South Side of the Town for the year infuing . . Collector

Voted & chose Mr Samuel Harrifs Jur One of the Con-
ftables for the year infuing Conftable

Voted & chose Mr David Hodgskins One of the Confta-
bles for the year infuing Conftable

Voted that the Selectmen try and See what market
they can make of the old meeting Houfe and make report
at May meeting

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcefter fs To either of the Conftables of the Town
of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you by Verbel notice
(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to
vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old
meeting houfe on Munday the fifth Day of this Instant
March at four oClock. P. M. and when meet to act on
the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chufe a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will here and except of the
report of the Committee chofen the 21st of February last
to make a Settlement with the Baptists and Methodists
or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . .

3^{ly} To see if the Town will chofe a Saxton to take
care of the Meeting Houfe or act any thing theiron as
they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings theiron to sum One of us on or before said
Time above mentioned given under our hands and Seal
at Fitchburg this fifth day of March. AD. 1798

John Thurston Jur }
Paul Wetherbee. } Selectmen.
Seth Phillips }

Worcefter fs. Perfuant to the within Warrant I have
notified all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the

Town of Fitchburg Qualified to vote in Town meeting to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned. Benj^a Marhall Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled March 5th 1798

1^y Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator.

2^y Voted to direct the Trefurer to pay back to those Methodist & Baptist teachers their minester tax agreable to the Role the Trefurer & Doe^t Snow made out and agreable to what the Committee that was chosen to settle with the Methodists & Baptists have this day reported

3^y Voted to difsolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Here follows a report of the Committee that was chosen to Settle with the Methodists & Baptists

The committee Chose by the Town of Fitchburg at a Town meeting affembled on February 21st 1798 to Settle with the Methodists and Baptists met them on Munday y^e 26th February at the house of M^{rs} Hannah Cowdins and could not agree with them, and agreed to meet them again at Daniel Putnum Ju^r on March the 2nd 1798 accordingly mett them & agreed (viz) that all those persons that had heretofore been exempted by the Town [80] from Minefterial Tax and whose names ware included in an Estimate made by Doe^t Snow & Town Trefurer purporting to be a Role together with all those names Entered on the same Estimete and Signed by the Committee from the date affixt to their names shall draw their Minefterial Money from the Town Trefurer

Israel Turner	} Committee
William Brown	
Paul Wetherbee	

David Mcintire	} Committee from
Abraham Willard	
Stephen Gibson	

the Methodist and Baptists.

From Memorial Tax List whose names were introduced
 on an identical basis by "Gov" Lane & John Ferguson purporting to
 be a list, together with all their names entered on the same certificate
 are kept by the Committee from the date affixed to their names till
 after their Memorial Money from the Hon. Legislature

Endicott March 20 1790
 Great Town
 William Brown } Committee
 Paul Withler }

David Mearns } Committee from
 Abner Willard } the Abstract
 Stephen Gibbs } as Secretary

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been
 admitted to the Society since the year 1790

Name	Year	Age	Year	Age	Total
Abner Willard	1	20	1790	20	
	1	21	1791	21	
	1	22	1792	22	
Samuel Gibson	2	124	3	61	1793 9-53
	3	2	52	1794	
	3	2	47	1795	
	3	1	29	1796	
Stephen Gibbs	3	186	3	21	1795 12-07
	1		64	1796	
	1		59	1797	
	1		36	1798	
Abner Willard	1	61	52	1795	3-13
Charles Willard	2	124	1	51	1795 2-72
	2		00	1796	
	1		77	1797	
	1		57	1798	
Joseph Poley	1	61	3-25	1795	7-91
	1		35	1796	
	1		16	1797	
	1		10	1798	
Jonathan Page	1	51	4-12	1795	9-32
	1		58	1796	
	1		22	1797	
	1		20	1798	
David Willard	1	62	3-17	1795	7-57
	1		46	1796	
	1		50	1797	
	1		23	1798	
Samuel Gardner	1	51	3-21	1795	6-32
Abner Willard	1		58	1796	
	1		32	1797	
David Willard	1	61	1	61	1795 4-22
	2	124	3	26	1795
			00	1796	
			25	1797	
			67	1798	9-12

Here follows the Estate made purported to be a Role made by Doc^t Snow & Town Treasurer

	No. Poles	Polls pays	D. C			
Abraham Willard	1		1.70	year 1792		
	1		1.87	year 1793		
	1		1.11	year 1794	D. C	
	2	1.24	3.61	year 1795—	9.53	Total
Samuel Gibson	3		2.52	year 1792		
	3		2.49	year 1793		
	3		1.29	year 1794		
	3	1.86	3.91	year 1795—	12.07	
Solomon Gibson	1		.64	year 1792		
	1		.59	year 1793		
	1		.36	year 1794		
	1	.62	.92	year 1795—	3.13	
Simeon Shattuck	2	1.24	1.54	year 1795—	2.72	
Charles Willard	2		2.00	year 1792		
	1		1.79	year 1793		
	1		.87	year 1794	62	
	1	62	3.25	year 1795—	7.91	
Joseph Polley	1		1.98	year 1792		
	1		2.16	year 1793		
	1		1.06	year 1794	62	
	1	62	4.12	year 1795—	9.32	
Jonathan Page	1		1.58	year 1792		
	1		1.82	year 1793		
	1		.88	year 1794	62	
	1	.62	3.29	year 1795—	7.57	
Elijah McIntire	1		1.46	year 1792		
	1		1.50	year 1793		
	1		.83	year 1794	62	
	1	.62	3.10	year 1795—	6.89	
Lemuel Haskiel	2		1.41	year 1792		
Widow Lucy Haskell	1		1.08	year 1793		
			.32	year 1794		
			1.61	year 1795—	4.42	
David McIntire	2	1.24	3.26	year 1795		
			1.00	year 1794		
			1.95	year 1793		
			1.67	year 1792—	9.12	

[81] Benj ^a Herrick	1	.62	1.33	year 1795	
Benj ^a Kemp . . .	1	.62	1.44	year 1795	
Jonathan Smith .	1	.62	.35	year 1795	
Thomas Gibson .	1	.62	2.69	year 1795	
			.74	year 1794	
			1.43	year 1793	D. C.
			1.26	year 1792 . . .	6.74
Daniel Willard . .	1	.62	.25	year 1795	
			21	year 1794	
			36	year 1793	S. C.
			48	year 1792 . . .	1.94

Here follows the names Entered on the same Estimate and the date affixt to their names

The following persons is to be allowed for the year 1797 as Baptists

- Jacob M^e intire for the year 1797
- Daniel Macintire for y^e year 1797
- John Pratt for D^e 1797
- Elias M^e intire for D^e 1797
- Ephraim Smith Methodist 1796
- Benj^a Smith for 1797
- Barnard Bawldin 1796
- Doc^t Marhall for 1797
- Reuben Smith 1796
- Samuel Cafwell 1795
- Warren Chafe 1797
- Joshua Whitney 1797

March 5th 1798 Israel Turner }
William Brown } Committee
Paul Wetherbee }

Here follows a copy for a rec^d for the Methodist & Baptist to give the Treafurer

Fitchburg March 1798

Rec^d of Ebn^t Thurston Town Treafurer the Sum of — being in full for all the money paid by — for Ministerial taxes up to and including the Minester tax made for the year 1797 agreeable to a Demand made by me

upon the Town of Fitchburg baring date February 5th 1798.

We the Subscribers agree that the above, shall be the form of the receipt that the Town Treafurer shall take from the Baptist & Methodist

Israel Turner p^r order
Stephen Gibson
David Macintire
Abraham Willard.

[82] Worcester: fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting (Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of Law to notify and Warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified as the Constitution directs to vote for a Representative to meet and assemble at the old meeting house on munday the second day of April next at three oClock in the afternoon and when meet to give in their Votes for the following respective offices (viz)

For a Governor, Lieu^t Governor, and Senators agreeable to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Sixteenth day of March A. D. 1798

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Worcester: fs: Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town Quallified as theirin exprest to meet at the time and place and for the purposes theirin mentioned.

David Hodgskins Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on the first munday in April 1798 being the 2nd day of the month for the purpose of chusing A. Governor, Leu^t Governor Senators & Counfellors.

The meeting being opened

1 st The votes called for a Governor	
His Exceclency Inerefe Sumner had	4
His Honor Mofes Gill had	1
The Honorable James Sullivan had . . .	43
2 ^y Votes called for Leu ^t Governor —	
His Honour Mofes Gill had	43
3 ^y Votes Called for Senators —	
The Honorable Salem Town had	45
The Honorable Benj ^t Reed had	45
The Honorable Elijah Brigham had	33
Joseph Fox Esq ^r had . . .	33
The Honorable Ezekiel Taft had . . .	45
Pliny Mirick Esq ^r had . . .	12
Martin Kinfley had . . .	12
John Thurston Ju ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.	

[83] Worcester: fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.
 (Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Maffachusetts to require you forth with by Vir-
 (Seal) ble notie to notify and warn all the freeholders
 and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old meeting Houfe on munday the second day of April next at five oClock P. M. and when meet to give in their votes for and against a Devifion of the County agreeable to a late refolve of the General Court

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one one of us on or before said time above mentioned, Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this twenty ninth day of March A. D. 1798.

John Thurston Ju ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Worcester: fs: Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town Qual-

lified as theirin exprested to meet at the time and place and for the purpose theirin mentioned.

David Hodgkins Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday y^e 2nd Day of April 1798, for the purpose of giving in their votes upon the expediency of deviding the County into two Separate and definet Counties

The whole number of votes was 77

for a Devifion . . . 77

against it none —

John Thurston Ju^r. }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
Seth Phillips }

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corse of

Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified as the Conftitution directs to vote for a Representative to meet and affemble at the old meeting houfe on munday the Seventh Day of May next at two OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following article. (viz).

1^{ly} To see if the Town will elect or depute Some meet person to repreftent them in the Great and General Court of this Commonwealth the year infuing

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentieth Day of April A: D:

1798

John Thurston Ju^r. }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

[84] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Munday y^e 7th day of May 1798

The meeting opened by the Selectmen, & a vote called for the choice of a representative,

Voted & chose Joseph Fox to Represent the Town of Fitchburg at the Great and General Court the year ensuing.

John Thurston Jun^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due Course of

Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at the old meeting house on munday the Seventh Day of May next at three OClock P: M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will chose a Committee to Recon with the Town treasurer

3^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to repair the Great Bridge near Cap^t Browns Mills and act any thing thereon as they Shall think proper.

4th To see if the Town will grant any bounty upon Crows or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

5th To see if the Town will except of any roads that are Laid out by the Selectmen or their order

6th To see if the Inhabitants of said Town will Shew their minds respecting Merchants Vessells traiding to Sea Arming for defence or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this twentyeth Day of April A. D. 1798.

John Thurston Jun^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Munday y^e 7th May 1798 . . .

1^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator.

2^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Settle with the Treafurer and make their report to the Town at sum futer meeting

3rd Voted to Choofe a committee to let out the repairs that is wanted at the Bridge by Cap^t W^m Browns mills and the Committee to inspect the work after it is done and report to the Town the Expençe at sum futer meeting

4^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three . . .

5^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t W^m Brown M^r Afa Perry & M^r Jonathan Low Ju^r a committee for the above purpose

[85] 6^{ly} Voted that the Town pay a bounty on Crows for all that shall be killed in the Limits of Fitchburg for the present year

7^{ly} Voted that the Bounty shall be One shilling p^r head for all Crows that shall be killed in the limits of the Town this present year

8 Voted that all those persons that shall kill Crows in the limits of this Town shall present them to the Treafurer for payment of the bounty, & that the treafurer be directed to pay the bounty, the treafurer to keep an account for allowance

9 Voted to pafs over the fifth Article in the Warrant for the present respecting Roads

10 A vote being called to know the minds of the Town respecting Arming Merchants vefells trading to Sea, And it pafs^d Unanimus against Arming

Voted that this meeting be difsolved

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due Corfe of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at the old

meeting house on thursday the twenty first day of this Instant June at One oClock: P: M: and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^y To see if the Town will chuse an Agent or Agents to defend the matter against the Town of Gardner respecting the Support of Oliver Upton or otherwise to receive and Support the said Oliver or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^y To see if the Town will accept of the report of the Committee chofen to New district the Town for the purpose of Schools

4^y To see if the Town will purchase the Schoolhouses that are now standing, and Likewise make any provision for building any new School houses or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

5^y To see if the Town will except of the report of the Committee chofen to let out and inspect the building of a pound.

6^y To see if the Town will provide haps for the Lower windows in the New meeting house

7^y To see if the Town will dispose of the old meeting house on any terms or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

8^y To see if the Town will except of any road that is laid out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned, Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this sixth day of June A. D. 1798.

John Thurston Ju ^r	}	Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee		
Seth Phillips		

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled June 21st 1798 the meeting being opened. Chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

2^y Voted to chuse an agent or agents to defend the cause against the Town of Gardner or settle with them.

- 3^{ly} Voted to chuse three agents for the above purpose
- 4^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee John Thurston & Seth Phillips agents for the above befinels
- 5^{ly} Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to defrict the Town for the purpose of schools which report is as follows (viz)

The Committee chose for the purpose of defricting the Town have attended that befinels & beg leave to report.

Ward N^o 2 Begining at Joshua Pierce^s thence to Cap^t Jonathan Woods, Battles near Leonminster line, Joseph Battles at the foot of Menoufneck, thence to M^r John Paysons all the Inhabitants within these lines are confidered as belonging to ward N^o 2 the school houfe to be built on a Nole near Hawes^s a heap of Stones on a rock for one of the Corners.

[86] Ward N^o 3

Begining at M^r John Farwells thence to Zacheus Farwells, Manfield Sterns^s Afa Boutell, Kendol Boutell, Joseph Simonds, all the Inhabitants within these lines to be considered as belonging to Ward N^o 3 the school houfe to be where it now stands

Ward N^o 4th

Begining at the Widow Wilders thence to Sawius, Fisks, Joseph Downs & Osgoods all the Inhabitants within these lines are to be confidered as belonging to Ward N^o 4 the school houfe to stand where the Frame now stands

Ward N^o 5

Begining at W^m Smalls thence to David Pratts, Abel Bawldin, Samuel Harrifs, Nehemiah Fuller, Afa Farwell, all the Inhabitants within these lines are considered as belonging to Ward N^o 5 the school houfe to remain where it now stands

Ward N^o 6

Begining at Thomas Eatons thence to Josiah Harrifs, Cap^t Burbank Tho^s Cowdin, Joseph Fenno, Benj^o Hartwell & Luke Sawyer all the Inhabitants within these lines are confidered as belonging to Ward N^o 6 the school Houfe to be built about thirty rods West of M^r Seth

6th Voted to chuse a committee to Estimate the bigness of the Schoolhouses — The manner how to be finished & the Sum Necessary

7th Voted to chuse Seven for said Committee

8. Voted and chose Paul Wetherbee, Joseph Downe Benj^a Marshall, Reuben Smith, Amos Putnum, Will^m Brown & Daniel Putnum,

9 Voted to pass over this article for the present . . .

10 Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to let out and inspect the building the pound — which report is as follows, viz)

The Committee chosen to let out the building the Pound report as follows the pound is now finished agreeable to order for the sum of \$33.50^{Cents} Bid of by M^r Thomas Cowdin
William Brown } Committee
Samuel Gibson }

11th Voted to provide Hafs for the New meeting house windows.

12 Voted that M^r Aaron Eaton procure the hafs in the cheapest manner he can

Voted to Sell the Old meeting house at publick vendue to the highest bidder one half to be paid in One year and the other half in two years on Interest with good Security

Voted that Pew holders have the liberty to take out their pews if they please before the time of Vendue . . .

Voted to chuse a Committee of three to Sell the house agreeable to the Vote of the Town

Voted that M^r Afa Perry Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Jacob Upton be of that Committee

Voted to pass over the Eighth Article in the Warrant.

Voted to take up the third Article in the warrant again

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to estimate the bigness of the school houses the manner how they shall be finished &c — which report is as follows —

The Committee chosen for the purpose of Estimating the bigness of the School houses and the Manner of finish-

ing them & the sums Necessary to raise for that purpose beg lieve to report That said Houfes be 24 feet long & 20 feet wide & finished with Gallery Sects & lathed & Plastered overhead, be glafed with six Windows 12 Squares of 7 by 9 Glafs in each window

and to be finished out side and in all, except Clabording and that A Committee be chosen by the Town to let out the building said houfes to the lowest bidder, The undertaker to give bonds with Sufficient Sureties for the faithfull performance of his Service, and after the Expence is known for building those houfes that are wanting in the deftrict where no houfes are, that those houfes that are built in the Several deftricts shall then be prised in propotion to the Expence which it shall appear the New houfes Cost. Also that those houfes that are not finished so far as this report provides, shall be finished so far at the Towns Expence in order that they all may be uniform, further that the Committee for the purpose of Leting out said building shall let them out before the last Day of August next to be finished on or before the first day of December and those already built prised and when the Expence for building said Houfes is known which shall be before the first day of Sep^r next, in the month of Sep^r next a sufficient Sum be raised to be affed on the Inhabitants for to pay the undertaker or undertakers

Paul Wetherbee } p^r order
of the Committee

N. B. it is ment that the proprietors of the Several school houfes which are already built shall be refunded the sum or sums they shall be apprised at.

[88] Voted that the Centre Deftrict be established as reported by the former Committee

Voted to chuse a Committee to let out the building the School houfes and inspect the building of said houfes.

Voted to Chuse Three for said Committee

Voted that Cap^t W^m Brown, Cap^t Turner & M^r Afa Perry be of that Committee

Voted that the undertaker or undertakers of building the Schoolhoufes receive their pay in Six months after they are completed.

Voted to dissolve the meeting
 Israel Turner Moderator
 Peter Snow Town Clerk pro. Tem,
 Recorded by Joseph Fox, Town Clerk.

Worcester Is To either of the Constables of the Town
 of Fitchburg in said County Greeting
 (Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of
 Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by
 Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at
 the New meeting houfe on Munday the Seventeenth Day
 of this Infant September at two OClock P. M. and when
 meet to act on the following articles

First To Chufe a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^y To see if the Town will indemnify M^r Benj^a Ful-
 ler the purchafer of the old meeting houfe from any profes
 ses that may be brought against him by the heirs of
 Tho^s Cowdin Esq^r Late of Fitchburg in Confequence of
 his removing said houfe and likewise to take any vote
 respecting the old meeting houfe that they may see fit.

3^y To see if the Town will Chufe a Committee to
 prife the School houfes that are now standing or act any
 thing theiron as they shall think proper.

4^y To see what sum or Sums of money the Town
 will raife to build school houfes or act any thing theiron
 as they shall think proper

5^y To see if the Town will make any alteration in
 any of the school Destricts or act any thing theiron as
 they shall think proper.

6^y To see if the Town will make any provision for
 building any Bridges that shall be thought Nefsefary and
 act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . .

7^y To see if the Town will except of a report of any
 Committee that has heretofore ben chofen to do Service
 for said Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said

day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this third Day of Sep^r in the year of our Lord AD. 1798.

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified as theirin exprefs^d to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Harris Ju^r Constable

[89] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 17th of September 1798, The meeting being oppened by the Selectmen, The Town Clerk being absent Voted and Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro Tem.

1st Voted and Chose Paul Wetherbee Moderator . . .

2nd Voted to Chufe a Committee to treat with the Pew holders

Voted to give up M^r Fullers obligation for the Old meeting house and give him three dollars for his trouble.

Voted to chufe three for the above mentioned Committee

Voted & chose Dⁿ Boutell Dⁿ Putnam.

Voted to pafs over this Article so far as^s respects chufing a Committee to settle with the Pew holders . . .

3rd Voted to chufe a Committee to apprize the old school houses

Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to apprize the old school houses & make report at the adjournment . . .

4th Voted to pafs over the forth article till the adjournment (respecting raising money)

5 Voted to pafs over this article till the adjournment.

6 Voted to chufe a Committee of three to view three defirent Bridges Singley and report at the adjournment.

Voted that M^r Abijah Goodridge view the Bridge near Maj^r Goodridges

Voted that Daniel Putnum view the bridge near the Widow Lincolns

Voted that Dⁿ Boutell view the bridge near M^r Gideons Shop

7^{ly} Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to repair the Great Bridge

Voted to Accept the report of a Committee to Settle with the Town Treafurer which is as follows (viz)

Fitchburg May 24th 1798, We the Subscribers this day reckned and Setled with Ebn^r Thurston Town Treafurer agreeable to a vote of the Town and we find Due in the Collectors hands and others as follows,

We find due in the hands of David M ^r intire	
Collector for the year 1796	\$242..15..4
We also find due in the hands of David M ^r intire	
Collector for the year 1797	585..69..4
We also find in the hands of Daniel Wetherbee	
Collector for the year 1797	582..89..0
We also find in the hands of the Treafurer the following notes the property of the Town (viz)	
One note signd by Edward Scott Dated Febr ^y 7 th 1794 for	4..60..0
One note signd by David Gibson dated April 5 th 1790 for	2..02..0
One note signd by Benj ^a Kemp Dated March 22 nd 1790 for	2..44..0
One note signd by Peter Snow dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796. for	45..37..0
One note signd by Cap ^t Will ^m Brown dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	13..31..0
One note signd by Ditto D ^e D ^e dated the same date	3..44..0
One note signd by Nehemiah Fuller dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on s ^d note	22..69..0
One note signd by Jacob Jaquith dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	17..50..0
One note signd by Jonas Marshall Ju ^r dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	32..06..0
One note signd by Jacob Burnap dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 . . . for	18..75..0

One note signd by Abial Holt & Elias Mellenger dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	16..12..0
One note signd by Daniel. M. Stearns & Kendoll Boutell dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	15..38..0
One note signd by Ezra Ritter Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	12..75..0
One note signd by Paul Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 due on s ^d note	40..72..0
One note signd by Simeon Farwell Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	15..75..0
One note signd by Daniel Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	38..16..0
One note signd by Jacob Upton dated Jan ^y 8 th 1798 for	29..62..0
One note signd by Afaph Goodridge dated Oct ^r 21 st 1797. for	55..16..0
One note signd by John Goodridge dated Oct ^r 1 st 1797. for	22..21..0
One note signd by Phinehas Allen Dated Oct ^r 2 nd 1797 . . for	10..42..0

We have aded the Interest to all the above note that have Indorsments upon them, but those that have no Indorsments we have set down only the Prinifiable part of the note.

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee		
Seth Phillips		

Ebenezer Thurston Town treafurer

[90] The following is an account of What Debts the Town owes (viz)

One note given to Mr Afa Perry dated May 1 st 1797 for	\$200..00..0
One note given to Mr Ebenezer Thurston dated August 25 th 1797	162..45..0
One note given to Mr Seth Phillips dated Oct ^r 4 th 1797	20..71..0
One note given to Peter Town dated January 18 th 1797	500..00..0
One note given to Reuben Smith Jun ^r dated De- cember 18 th 1797	56..17..0

One note given to Jonathan Smith dated March 12 th 1798	71..75..0
One note given to Cap ^t William Brown dated Febr ^y 12 th 1798	340..83..0
One note given to The Rev ^d Samuel Worcester dated Sep ^t 27 th 1797	
Due on s ^d note	233..13..0
Rev ^d M ^r Worcester's Sallery for the present year	333..33..0

Voted to adjourn This meeting to the Second monday in October at two of the Clock P. M.

On the 8th day of Oct^r being the second munday of said month the Town meet according to adjournment. The meeting opened & proceeded to business

Voted to chuse a Committee to treat with M^{rs} Cowdin respecting making a Settlement with her with regard to the old meeting house

Voted that the Committee that shall be chosen for the above purpose notify the Pew holders to attend with the Committee when they shall meet to make a Settlement with M^{rs} Cowdin

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Afa Perry be a committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Committee make their report to the Town at next Town meeting

Voted that two more be added to the above Committee

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Downe & M^r Seth Phillips for the above purpose

Voted to Accept the report of the Committee to prize the School houses which sums is carried out in their report and is as follows—(viz)

The school house nigh M ^r Daniel Wetherbees ought to be Estimated at	\$92..00..0
The school house nigh M ^r Simeon Farwells Esti- mated at	93..00..0
The school house nigh M ^r Amos Lawrences Estimated at	90..00..0

The school house nigh Mr Abraham Farwells		
Estimated at	80..00..0	
The school house near Mr Elijah Carters		
Estimated at	80..00..0	
The school house Frame near Mr Daniel Har-		
riffs: Estimated at	6..00..0	
	John Thurston Jun ^r	} Committee
	Paul Wetherbee	
	Seth Phillips	

Voted to raise One thousand & Eighty dollars for the purpose of building Six new school houses & for five old ones already built together with Six Stoves for the Six new Houses

Voted to chuse a Committee to provide the six Stoves & funnels for the Stoves for the six new school houses

Voted that One of the Selectmen be the Committee

Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee for the above purpose

Voted to comply with the request of Mr John Payson and Mr Moses Hale with regard to being annexed to the middle District for to be accommodated for a school,

Voted that Mr Timothy Garfield be added to the middle district for to be accommodated for schooling

Voted to chuse a Committeeman for District N^o 4

Voted & chose Mr Joseph Downe the Committeeman

[91] Voted to chuse One Man as a Committee to repair or build a New the Bridge nigh the Widow Lincolns, the Committeeman to let it out at Vendue to the lowest bidder to be completed by the first of August next and the Committeeman to inspect the work after done . . .

Voted and chose Liu^t Edward Durant a Committeeman for the above purpose.

Voted to chuse a Committeeman to let out the repair of the Bridge nigh Maj^r Goodridge^s at Vendue to the lowest bidder, to be done within One weak, and the Committeeman to inspect the work after done

Voted and chose Mr Abijah Goodridge a Committeeman for the above purpose

Voted to cover the Bridge with Plank and put in New String peaces if needed Nigh Gedions

Voted to chufe a Committeeman to let out the covering of the above Bridge as proposed to be mended . . .

Voted and chose M^r: Daniel Wetherbee a committeeman for the above purpose

Voted to chufe a Committeeman to let out to repairs the Bridge nigh Joseph Fox^s: Potash at Vendue to the lowest bidder, the Bridge to have Stone butments and Stone covering the Committeeman to inspect the work and see its done according to agreement, the work to be completed the fore part of Summer

Voted and chose Joseph Fox Committeeman for the above purpose

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first munday of Nov^r: next at two oClock afternoon

On Munday the 5th day of Nov^r: the Town meet according to adjornment the meeting being opened they proceeded to beinefs. The Town Clerk being absent, Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk Protempore

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to treat with M^{rs}: Cowdin which is that M^{rs}: Cowdin have one third of the old meeting houfe & the underpining She relinquishing all other right & title,

Voted that the Pewholders receive One other third of the old meeting houfe

Voted to chufe a committee to Sell the old meeting houfe

Voted that the Committee confist of five, without pay

Voted that M^r: Afa Perry Cap^t: William Brown, Israel Turner Esq^r: Cap^t: Benj^a: Marshall & Deacon Kindoll Boutell be of the said Committee

Voted that the Committee Sell the houfe to the best advantage of the Town and all others concerned . . .

Voted to give the Proprietors of the Frame for a school houfe near Wards Mill six dollars in addition to the other six dollars which was voted at a previous meeting

Voted that the place for seting the school houfe Near M^r: Wares^s be moved to the other side of the road a little West of Hawes^s: Shop

Voted to take Leefes of the Land on which the school houfes Stand.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for that purpose

Voted to Set of George Wood from the Distriet he formerly belonged too to the Distriet near M^r Uptons

Voted to Defolve the meeting,

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Peter Snow Clerk Protempore

a true cobby from the minutes,

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in s^d County, Greeting,

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts, to notify and
 (Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said Town being
 twenty one years of age and having a freehold
 Estate within the Distriet of the Annual income of three
 pounds, or an Estate to the Value of Sixty pounds to
 meet at the New meeting house on Munday the fifth Day
 of Nov^r next at One oClock. P. M. for the purpose of giving
 in their votes for a Federal representative agreeable to
 an act of the Commonwealth. Given under our hands &
 Seals at said Fitchburg this nineteenth Day of Oct^r AD.
 1798 Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant
 with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before
 s^d Day and time above mentioned.

John Thurston Ju^r }
 Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
 Seth Phillips }

Worcester fs Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town Quallified as theirin expresed to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

David Hodgkins Constable

Fitchburg Oct^r 27th 1798.

[92] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 5th day of Nov^r 1798 for the purpose of chusing a Representative for the Second middle Distriet of the Commonwealth of Maffa-

chufetts to represent us in the Congress of the United States The Town being assembled and the Votes called for and brought in Counted and Sorted and Declaration made of the Persons voted for and was as follows (viz)

	Votes
For the Hon! Joseph B. Vernam	52
For the Hon! Timothy Bigelow	14
For the Hon! Elbridge Gerry	1
John Thurston Jun ^r } Paul Wetherbee } Seth Phillips }	} Selectmen

A true copy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. to Either of the Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
 (Seal) chufetts you are required to notify and warn By
 (Seal) verbal warning all the freeholders and other In-
 habitants of said Town quallified By Law to vote
 in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the New meet-
 ing houfe this fifth day of Nov^r at four oClock in the
 afternoon and when meet to act on the following articles
 (viz)

first To chufe a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will make any repairs on the South County Road and to grant money for that purpose, and to act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to Sum one of us at the time and place above mentioned.

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of Nov^r AD. 1798.

Paul Wetherbee	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r		
Seth Phillips		

Worcester. fs. Perfuant to the within warrant I have warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg as the Law directes to meet at the New meeting houfe and for the purposes within mentioned

David Hodgskins Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Asssembled on Munday the fifth day of Nov^r 1798.

The meeting being opened

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator.

Voted that M^r Downe Joseph the Highway Surveyor go on and repair the County road in his Distriet & bring in his Acc^t

Voted that Daniel Wetherbee go on and repair the South County road and bring in his account

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Peter Snow Clerk Pro. Tempore.

[93] Westminster September 3^d 1798

We the Subscribers Selectmen & overseers of the poor of the Town of Garder & Selectmen & overseers of the poor of the Town of Fitchburg, do come into the following agreement on the Support of Oliver Upton Nedy Person (viz) We the Selectmen & overseers of the poor of the Town of Fitchburg do agree to take the said Oliver, And Support and Cloath him from now untill the first of September in the year 1803 And if the said Oliver should not live the above said Term of five years, The said Town of Fitchburg to pay back to the Town of Gardner the Sum of Twenty Eight Dollars & fifty Cents And after the expiration of the above said Term of five years & then the above said Towns of Gardner & Fitchburg to be at eaqual charges for the Support of said Oliver & his family while they remain ours to Support, and we do further agree that after the expiration of the above said Term of five years for the Town of Fitchburg to keep the said Oliver one year, and then the said Town of Fitchburg to return him back to gardner & they to keep him one year, and then exchange him from the above said Towns yearly so long as the said Oliver shall be charable, and each Town to have the right of keeping him their year as cheap as they can as witness our hands,

Elisba Jackson	} Selectmen of Gardner	John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Reuben Haynes		Paul Wetherbee	
Aaron Wood		Seth Phillips	
Ebenezer How			

A true copy from the Original as presented me to record by the Selectmen

attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg Nov^r 26th 1798.

This may certify that we the Subscribers Affessors of the Town of Fitchburg have appointed David Hodgskins a collector to compleat the collection that was delivered to David M^cintire late of Fitchburg deces^d to collect for the years 1796 & 97 for which he is to receive thirty eight shillings on the hundred pound which he shall collect

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Affessors
Paul Wetherbee		
Seth Phillips		

A true copy from the minutes delivered me by the Affessors.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg January 3rd 1799. Agreable to a vote of the Town we the Subscribers met and made a Devision of the school money as follows (viz)

M ^r Edward Durant ^s Deftrict N ^o 1	\$47..46..0
Afa Perry for Deftrict N ^o 2	29..67..0
Zacheus Farwell N ^o 3	31..82..0
Joseph Downe N ^o 4	23..73..0
Jacob Osborn N ^o 5	17..26..0
Thomas Cowdin N ^o 6	26..97..0
Elijah Carter N ^o 7	25..35..0
Joseph Polley N ^o 8	29..13..0
Benj ^a Herrick N ^o 9	37..22..0
Jeremiah Kinfman N ^o 10	42..61..0
Amos Lawrence N ^o 11	22..11..0

Sum total	\$333..33..0
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John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee		
Seth Phillips		

[94] Worcester: fs, To Either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within the County of Worcester Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of
 (Seal) Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
 other inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law
 to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the
 meeting house on Munday the forth day of March next at
 Nine OClock in the morning and when meet to act on the
 following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderation to govern said meeting.

2nd To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Treaferer, Select-
 men, and other Town officers as the Law directes and act
 any thing in regard to chusing Collecttors as they shall
 think propper

3^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town
 will raife to repair the highways and bridges the year
 ensuing and act any thing thereon as they shall think
 proper

4^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raife
 to Support the Reve^d M^r Worcester the year Ensuing . . .

5^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raife
 to support the school the year Ensuing

6^{ly} To see what sum or Sums of money the Town
 will raife to pay the Towns Debts and Nefesary charges
 or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

7^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a Saxton to take
 care of the meeting house or act any thing thereon as
 they shall think propper

8^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to sup-
 port there poor the year Ensuing and act any thing there-
 on as they shall think proper

9^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a committee to Set-
 tle with the Town Treaferer

10^{ly} To see if the Town will abate the tax that was
 Laid on Doggs in the year 1798 or act any thing thereon
 as they shall think propper

11^{ly} The see if the Town will alter the intermition
 on Sundays from what was Ufeal or act any any thing
 thereon as they shall think propper agreable to a request
 of a number of the inhabitants

12^{ly} To see if the Town chuse a committee to exam-

ine the schools of said Town or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

13^{ly} To see if the Town will take into confideration the road between M^r Abraham Willards & M^r Elijah Carters which is said to be incumbered and Staitned and act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

14^{ly} To see if the Town will affist M^r Eph^r Kimboll towards building a bridge aecrost the river near Farwells Blackfmiths shop, or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

15^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alteration in the line of Land the Town bought of M^r Boynton or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

16^{ly} To see if the Town will except of any road that is or may be laid out by the Selectmen or their order . . .

17^{ly} To see if the Town will provide Locks & Keys, Window Shetters, Tables, and chairs for the school houfes or act any thing their on as they shall think propper.

18^{ly} To see if the Town will Vote the Swine to run at Large under the regulation of the Law

19^{ly} To see if the Town will abate M^r Benj^a Danforths taxes for the year 1796 & 97

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned given under our hand and Seals at Fitchburg this thirteenth day of Febr^y AD. 1799.

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
Seth Phillips }

Fitchburg Febr^y 28th 1799 Worcester: fs: perfuant to the within warrant I have duly notified and warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to Vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
David Hodgkins, Constable

[95] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the forth day of March AD 1799

1st Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

. Moderator

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk

Voted & chose Ebn^r Thurston Town Treafurer

. Town Treafurer

Voted to chufe Three Selectmen for The present year.

Voted & chose Reuben Smith

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r

Voted & chose Amos Ordway

} . . . Selectmen

Voted that the Selectmen be Affeffors the present year

. Affeffors

Voted to let out the Collectorship as it was the last year (viz) to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound, the lowest bidder to git two bondfmen to the acceptance of the Town

Voted to chufe Ten as a committee to let out the Collectorship at Vendue, to make their report at the adjournment

Voted and chofe John Thurston Ju^r Paul Wetherbee, Seth Phillips, Afa Perry Joseph Fox, Benj^a Marshall, Israel Turner Esq^r Jacob Upton, Mofes Hale Joseph Polly . . .

Voted to chufe the same number of highway Surveyors as last year

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge, Amos Parce, Jacob Osborn Daniel Holt, William Kindol, Samuel Phelps, Joseph Fox Abraham Willard, Jonathan Low Jun^r David Macintire Benj^a Herriek Edward Durant Ephraim Osborn, John R. Kemp & Tho^s Cowdin to be highway Surveyors the year Enfuing Highway Surveyors

Voted & chofe John Scott, Joseph Downe Jun^r Peter Haskell Samuel Harrifs Ju^r Elisha Carter to be hogreaves for y^e year Enfuing Hogreaves

Voted & chose Jacob Gibson & Thomas Hilton firewards Firewards

Voted & chose Jacob Stickney & William Small Surveyors of Lumber the year Enfuing . Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chofe Elijah Macintire, Amos Parce, & Daniel Harrifs Fence viewers the year Enfuing. . Fence viewers

Voted & chose Amos Putnam & Ezra Ritter to be field drivers the year enfuing Field drivers

Voted & chose David Parce Sealer of Weights & Measures the year Enfuing . . . Sealer of Weights & measures

Voted & chose Joseph Simons & Calvin Messenger to Sealers of Leather the year Enfuing . . . Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall Junr Pound keeper the year Enfuing . . . Pound keeper

Voted & chose Nathaniel. F. Cunningham, Abel Bawldin & Aron Eaton to be Tythingmen the year Enfuing . . . Tythingmen

Voted & chose Joseph Downe Junr Surveyor of hoops & Staves . . . Surveyor of Hoops & Staves.

[96] Voted to raise Two hundred pounds to repair the highways & Bridges the present year, to be workt out the Same as last year and to be allowed for work, tools &c as last year.

money raised to repair highways & bridges

Voted to raise One hundred pound for the Support of The Reverend M^r Worcester for One year

. money raised for m^r Worcesters Salery.

Voted to raise One hundred & fifty pounds for the Support of the Schools the year Enfuing

. money raised for Support of Schools.

Voted to lay the school money out in the Several School districts the same as was the last year

Voted & chose, Joseph Fox, Eliha Chamberlin, Daniel Wetherbee Ephraim Osborn, Simeon Farwell, Seth Phillips, Daniel Putnam Junr Benja^a Flint, Leu^t Jon^a Page, John Thurston Junr & Timothy Batchelor to be School Committeemen in the Several districts to which they belong. to be under the direction of the district for which they are Chosen School Committee

Voted that the school Committeemen be directed to agree with the Masters & Mistresses that are to keep the schools, that they are not to be allowed any thing for keeping schools on Satterdays in the afternoon

Voted to Pass over the sixth Article in the Warrant untill the adjournment

Voted to let out the Saxton beinefs at Vendue to the lowest bidder and report at the adjournment.

Voted to chuse Three as a Committee to let out the Saxton beinefs and report at the adjornment

Voted & chose David Pratt, Cap^t William Brown, & Daniel Wetherbee a committee for the above purpose . .

Voted to let out the Poor to the lowest bidder at Vendue and make report at the adjornment

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose Thomas Cowdin, Edward Durant Timothy Garfield Jacob Gibson & Amos Ordway to be the Committee for the above purpose

Voted to chuse a committee of three to Settle with the Town Trefurer

Voted & chose John Thurston Ju^r Reuben Smith & Israel Turner Esq^r to be the Committee to Settle with the Town Trefurer and make report at sun fiter meeting.

Voted to abate that part of the tax upon the Several Persons who was taxed for their Doggs the year past.

Voted that the internifsion on Sundays between meetings be one hour for the year Ensuing

Voted to pafs over the thirteenth article in the warrant untill the adjornment

Voted to pafs over the fourteenth article in the warrant untill the adjornment

Voted that the Town provide Locks & Keys Window Shetters, Tables and chairs for the Several Schools . .

Voted that the School Committeemen be directed to provide at the Expence of the Town, Locks & Keys, Window Shetters, Tables, and chairs for the several schools and lay their accounts before the Town for allowance

Voted that the Swine run at large under the regulation of the Law

Voted to abate M^r Benjⁿ Danforths taxes for the year 1796 & 1797 the whole of said Taxes excepting what he has paid towards them,

Voted to adjorn this meeting for a fortnight from this day then to meet at this place at one OClock in the afternoon.

[97] On munday the 18th March the Town meet according to adjornment and the meeting opened . . .

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer which report is as follows

Fitchburg March 12th 1799 The Committee chose by the Town of Fitchburg to Settle with the Town Treasurer find due in Collectors hands and others as follows (viz)

We find in David Hodgskins hands for 1796	\$52.49.7
We find in David Hodgskins hands for the year 1797	146.60.3
We find in Daniel Wetherbees hands Collector for 1797	128.46.9
We find in Samuel Harrifs Ju ^{rs} hands Collector for 1798	668.22.6
& to to D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o School house tax for 1798	573.82.8
We find in David Hodgskins Collectors hand for 1798	737.95.0
D ^o D ^o D ^o School house tax for 1798	523.70.5
One note signd Edward Scott Dated Febr ^y 7 th 1794	4.60.0
One note signd David Gibson Dated April 5 th 1790	2.02.0
One note signd Benj ^a Kemp dated March 22 nd 1790	2.44.0
One note signd Peter Snow dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	45.37.0
One note signd Cap ^t William Brown Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	13.31.0
One note signd Cap ^t William Brown Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	3.44.0
One note signd Nehemiah Fuller Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 due on said note	23.76.0
One note signd Jacob Jaquith dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 due on said note	2.28.0
One note signd Jacob Burnap dated Nov ^r 21. 1796	18.75.0

One note signd Abial Holt & Meffenger Nov ^r 21 st 1796	16..12..0
One note signd Ezra Ritter dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on said note	7..45..0
One note signd Paul Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on said note	40..43..0
One note signd Simeon Farwell dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on said note	1..31..0
One note signd Daniel Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on s ^d note	39..05..0
One note signd Jacob Upton dated January 8 th 1798	29..62..0
One note signd Afaph Goodridge dated Oct ^r 21 st 1797	55..16..0
One note signd John Goodridge dated Oct ^r 1 st 1797 due on said note	23..36..0
One note signd Phinchas Allen Dated Oct ^r 2 nd 1797	10..42..0
One note signd Elijah Macintire dated Nov ^r 14 th 1798	9..01..0
One note signd David M ^e intire & others dated Nov ^r 14 th 1798	19..00..0
Found in the Treafrers hands a number of Minester	22..38..0
We find due to the Treafrer	17..45..7

N: B those notes that have Indorsments on them the Interest is cast up to to the date hereof. the other notes we have taken account of Princable only

Reuben Smith	} Committee
Israel Turner	
John Thurston Jun ^r	
Ebener Thurston Treafrer	

The footing of what money is Due to the Town \$3220.39

The following is an account of the princable Debts the Town owes (viz)

One note given to M ^e Afa Perry dated may 1 st 1797 due on said note	\$106..00.0
One note given to M ^e Ebn ^r Thurston dated Aug ^t 1797	177..50.0

One note given to M ^r Seth Phillips dated Oct ^r 4 th 1797	20..71.0
One note given to M ^r Peter Town dated Jan ^y 18 th 1797	500..00.0
One note given to M ^r Jonathan Smith dated March 12 th 1798	71..75.0
One note given to Cap ^t William Brown Dated Febr ^y 12 th 1798	340..83.0
One note given to M ^r Nath ^l F. Cuninghame dated December 18 th 1798	94..95.0
School money not paid for the year 1798 . . .	304..00.0
M ^r Worcester's Sallery for the year 1798 not paid	333..33.0
Due for the Erection of school Houfes . . .	1000..00.0
over	
[98] brought over	
An abatement of the tax Laid on Doggs . . .	\$53..00.0
Labour done on the New County road by order of the Town	22..00.0
For the Support of the Poor the year past not paid	47..00.0
	3071..04.0
Ballance Due to the Town	\$149..35

Voted to raise three hundred dollars to pay the Towns Debts and Necessfary charges the year infuing

Voted to chuse a committee to view the place for a Bridge to accomodate M^r Eph^r Kimboll and report at sum futer meeting the Committee to be chofen, to be at the expence of M^r Kimboll

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted & chofe Cap^t William Brown M^r Ebn^r Thurston & Israel Turner Esq^r a committee for the above purpose

Voted that their be two more aded to the above committee at M^r Eph^r Kimbol's Expence

Voted & chofe M^r Phinehas Allen & M^r Jonas Marshall Jr^r to be added the above committee

Voted & chofe the Selectmen a Committee to look

into and ascertain the lines of the Land the Town bought of M^r Boynton and report at May meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting one half hour then to meet at M^r David Boutell,

To the Town mett according to adjournment at M^r David Boutells and opened the meeting

Voted & chose M^r David Hodgskins to be a Collector for the North side of the Town Sworn

Voted & Chose M^r David Hodgskins Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Sworn

Voted to accept of M^r Afa Perry & M^r Zacheus Farwell as bondsmen for M^r David Hodgskin for the North side of the Town as collector for the year Ensuing

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first munday in April at four oClock in the afternoon then to meet at the meeting house in s^d Town

On munday the 1st day of April 1799. The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened.

Voted to accept of M^r Afa Perry & M^r Seth Phillips as bondsmen for M^r Abijah Goodridge as Collector for the South side the Town

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Collectorship which is as follows (viz):

The committee appointed to Set up the Collectorship at Vendue to the lowest bidder Meet at M^r David Boutell on munday the forth day of March 1799 after the March meeting was adjourned, Meet for the above purpose and Set up the South side of the Town to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound, And bid of to M^r Abijah Goodridge at twenty eight shillings & Eleven pence upon the hundred pound, And then proceeded to Set up the North Side and bid of to David Hodgskins at twenty Seven shillings upon the hundred pound.

John Thurston Jur^t } p^r order of
the Committee

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Towns Poor at Vendue which is as follows (viz)

The committee appointed to set up to the lowest bidder at Vendue the Towns poor to be supported the year Enfuing p^r the weak mett at M^r David Boutells on Munday the forth day of March 1799 after the meeting was adjorned & Set up Eph^r Smith to be supported by the weak [99] And in case he should go away and do any mischief the person who bids him of to be accountable for all damage, was Bid of the Benj^a Fuller for Three shillings and Eight pence p^r weak 3/8 p^r weak

then proceeded and Set up Oliver Upton to be supported by the weak, and in case he should go away and do any mischief the person who bids him of to be accountable for all damages, was Bid of to Benj^a Fuller at four shillings & five pence p^r weak

Then proceeded and Set up Mary Wares to be Supported by the weak for one year and so in propotion according to the time he does support her and bid of to Tim^o Garfield at Six pence p^r weak.

Tho^s Cowdin } P^r order of the
Comittee

The Committee appointed to Set up at Vendue to the lowest bidder the Saxton befinels for the year Enfuing. Meet at M^r David Boutells on Munday the forth day of March 1799 after the March meeting was adjorned, And was bid of to Benj^a Allen at Eleven shillings & nine pence for the year, to keep the meeting house clean and Decent, and in the winter Season the Snow is to be cleaned of the Stones of the Doors, and the Snow shoveled away from the Doors, the Key of the meeting house is to be left at M^r Worcesters or Cap^t Browns, that the town can have it when needed,

David Pratt } p^r order of the
Comittee.

Voted and chose Abijah Goodridge Collector for South side of the Town Collector Sworn

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge Constable for South side of the Town Constable Sworn

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the building a Bridge nigh M^r Daniel Willards at a Vendue to the lowest bidder to be done to the acceptance of the Committee

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Brown, Doc^t Benj^a Marshall & M^r Amos Putnam to be the Committee for the above purpose and make their report at sum futer meeting.

It was moved and Seconded, to see if the Town will reconsider their vote respecting the Intermission on Sundays so far as to have it One hour and half between meetings

The vote being put, it pafs in the Negative.

Voted to Excuse Daniel Willard Serving as highway Surveyor.

Voted & chose Zacheriah Sheldin highway Surveyor in the rome of Daniel Willard

Voted to Excuse Zacheriah Sheldin from serving as highway Surveyor.

Voted & chose Benj^a Herrick highway Surveyor in the rome Zacheriah Sheldin excused and have recored Benj^a Herrick in the place where the rest of the highway Surveyors are recorded in the Rome of Daniel Willard Excused.

Voted to diffolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the

(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and

(Seal) warn the Male inhabitants of said Town of twenty

One years of Age and upwards having a freehold

Estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual income of

Three pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty pounds,

to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Munday,

the first day of April next at Two of the Clock in the

afternoon to give in their Votes for a Govenor and Lieut^t

Govenor and Senators and Counfellors agreeable to the

Constitution of said Commonwealth

hereof fail not and make return to sum one of us on

or before s^d day for the purpose above mentioned given

under our hands and Seals this 18th day of March AD.

1799: Reuben Smith }
Israel Turner } Selectmen.
Amos Ordway }

[100] Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote for Governor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators and Counfellors to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Harrifs Jun^r. Constable
Fitchburg April 1st 1799.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg assenbled on the 1st day of April 1799 being the first munday in said month, for the purpose of chufing A Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators, & Counfellors.

The meeting being opened and votes called for in order, counted and Sorted, and declaration made as follows

Govenor	
For His Exelency Inereze Sumner	16
William Heath Esq ^r	57
Lieu ^t Govenor	
For His Honour Mofes Gill	48
Senators & Counfellors	
For The Honorable Berzeliel Tafts	43
The Honorable Salem Town	45
The Honorable Thomas Hale	32
The Honorable Elijah Brigham	19
The Honorable Josiah Stearns	24
Deacon Joseph Stone	25
Col ^o Cushing	10
Joseph Fox Esq ^t	23
Cap ^t Will ^m Brown	8
Benj ^a Reed Esq ^r	3
Meeting difsolved	Reuben Smith } Israel Turner } Selectmen Amos Ordway } Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
 (Seal) chusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn
 (Seal) the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings
 to meet and Assemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg
 the second munday in May at one oClock in the after-
 noon to act on the following articles.

first To chuse a Moderator to Govern s^d Meeting.

Second To know the Towns mind what method they
 will take to repair the Bridge in the middle of the Town
 or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

Thirdly To See if The Town will send a Member to
 Meet in convention at Joshua Wrights in Templeton on
 the second Tusday of May agreeable to request of Silas
 Cutler in behalf of Templeton & a number of the adja-
 cent Towns.

Forthly To see if the Town will give a bounty on
 Crows, or not, the present year.

Fifthly To see if the Town will accept the report of
 any Committee or Committees

Sixthly To see if the Town will accept of any roads
 layed out by the Selectmen or their order

Seventhly To see if the Town will order a Devision of
 the Securities taken for the old meeting house

Hereof fail not to make return of this warrant with
 your doings theiron at time & place above mentioned
 given under our hands & seals this 20th Day of April AD
 1799

Israel Turner } Selectmen
 Reuben Smith } of
 Amos Ordway } Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed
 to meet at time and place and and for the purpose within
 mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable.

[101] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
 Town of Fitchburg assembled on the second munday of
 May 1799

1st Voted & chose Deacon Kendol Bontell Moderator.

The article respecting repairing the Bridge nigh the middle of the Town

It was motioned and Seconded to see if the Town will inlarge the South Butment & the third Butment, & to take away the Second Butment & to be built in way of highway taxes under the direction of a Committee chose by the Town for that purpose

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative

Voted to chufe a Committee of five

Voted & chose M^r Jeremiah Kinsman, Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Jonathan Page M^r Eph^r Kimboll & M^r Amos Lawrence a Committee for the above purpose

Voted to raise Sixty six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence to repair the bridge nigh the middle of the Town to be workted out in the way of highway taxes.

Voted to chufe a Member to meet in convention at Joshua Wrights in Templeton on the Second tuesday of May Inf^t agreable to a request of Silas Cutler in behalf of Templeton and a number of the adjacent Towns . . .

Voted & chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r for the above purpose.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will give one shilling p^r head upon Crows for this present year for all that shall be killed within the limits of the Town of Fitchburg by any of the Inhabitants and presented to the Treafurer of said Town,

The vote being put it pafs in the affirmative,

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to examine Ephraim Kimbolls proposed place for a Bridge, which report is as follows (viz)

Your Committee chose by the Town on a request of M^r Ephraim Kimboll to examine said Kimbolls proposed place for building a Bridge have accordingly meet for the above purpose & beg lieve to report (viz)

That it appears to your committee that M^r Kimbolls request should be granted so far as to lend him One hundred Dollars to build himself a good bridge his paying Interest Annually & binding himself & heirs to keep the

Bridge in good repair till the Town Sees fit to make a publick Bridge of the Same

William Brown	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
Ebn ^r Thurston		
Jonas Marshall Jun ^r		
Phinehas Allen		

N. B. The place for building the Bridge must be between Kimbolls Sawmill and the Smiths Shop

Voted to chuse a Committee to view the road that is in dispute leading to M^r Abraham Willards and make Their report what is best to be done respecting said road

Voted to chuse three as a Committee.

Voted & chose M^r Tho^s Cowdin Cap^t Benj^a Marshall & M^r Joseph Polly a committee for the above purpose and report at the next town meeting,

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chofen by the Town respecting the exchange of Land with M^r Jonas Marshall Jun^r agreable to his request here follows the report, (viz)

The Committee chose by the Town of Fitchburg to inquire into the exchange of Land with Jonas Marshall Jun^r according to defire & request of said Marshall have examined & viewed the premifes & report (viz) That we do not think it expedient or for the Interest of said Town of Fitchburg to exchange Land in Manner & form as proposed by said Marshall

Israel Turner	}	Committee
Reuben Smith		
Amos Ordway		

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to make a Division of the Securities taken for the old meeting house . . .

Voted that this meeting be difsolved.

Kendal Boutell Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[102] Worcester..fs.. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
(Seal) chufetts you are hereby required to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town being
Twenty One years of age, and Resident in said Town

for the space of one year next Preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of Three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on the Second Munday in May next at three of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of chusing One Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time & place above mentioned Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this 20th day of April AD 1799

Israel Turner } Selectmen
 Reuben Smith } of
 Amos Ordway } Fitchburg

Persuant to the within Warrant I have Notified the male Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein expressed to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
 Abijah Goodridge Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 13th of May 1799.

The meeting opened by the Selectmen

A vote being put to know the minds of the Town whether they will Send a Representative to General Court to Represent them the Ensuing year

And it pass^d in The affirmative

The votes called for, counted & Sorted, and made choice of Cap^t. William Brown

Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Israel Turner }

Fitchburg 26th April 1799 Then personally appeared agreeable to Notification M^r. Ebn^t. Jones and L^t. Jonas Whitney Selectmen of Westminster and proceeded to Pre-ambelate and renew the bounds between Westminster and Fitchburg agreeable to Law

Ebn^t. Jones } Selectmen
 Jonas Whitney } of Westminster
 Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Amos Ordway } of Fitchburg

A true copy from the returns made by Reuben Smith
 one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg
 attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg 29th April 1799 Then personally appeared
 agreeable To Notification Reuben Smith and Amos Ordway
 Selectmen of Fitchburg and proceeded to preambelate and
 renew the bounds between Ashburnham and Fitchburg
 agreeable to Law

Eliha White	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg & Ashburnham
Sherebiah Hunt		
Reuben Smith		
Amos Ordway		

A true copy from the returns made by Reuben Smith
 one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg
 attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[103] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the
 Town of Fitchburg Greeting
 (Seal) You are hereby required in the Name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
 Town of Fitchburg quallified to vote in Town
 meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in
 said Town on Wednesfday the forth of Sep^r next at one
 of the Clock in the afternoon, being duly meet and formed
 to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1^{ly} To chufe a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2^{ly} To see if the Town will abate any Poole Tax, or
 exempt any from Ministeral taxes in futer or act any thing
 theiron as they shall think proper
- 3^{ly} To see if the Town will Comply with Ruth
 Smiths request the wife of Ephraim Smith or act any
 thing theiron as they shall think proper
- 4^{ly} To see if the Town will take any method to affer-
 tain the limits of their Land according to their Title . .
- 5^{ly} To See if the Town will pay M^r Steward for a
 Clock he has put into the meeting house in full or in part.
- 6^{ly} To See if the Town will accept of the report of
 any Committee or Committees

7^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to raise Money to finish the Bridge near the middle of the Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day given under our hands & seals this nineteenth day of August AD. 1799.

Reuben Smith }
Israel Turner } Selectmen
Amos Ordway }

Worcester, fs. Sept: 2nd 1799 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place & for the purpose within mentioned David Hodgkin Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Wednesday the 4th day of Sept: 1799.

1st Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq: Moderator

2nd Voted that the Assessors have the Power to abate Poole taxes in whole or in part according to the Circumstances that shall be represented to them by the persons applying for abatement as they shall think Just and reasonable.

3^{ly} Voted Voted to pass over the article in the Warrant respecting Exempting any person or persons paying Minister taxes.

4^{ly} Voted to reconsider the last vote.

5^{ly} Voted to leave to the Assessors, The propriety of abating those persons, ministers tax who have requested it at this meeting, and those Certificates the Assessors think are Sufficient to exempt them, shall be exempt . .

6^{ly} Voted that it is the minds of the Town that they have the whole of the Towns Lands Surveyed and New bounds erected, or renewed,

7^{ly} Voted that Mr Tho^s Cowdin be the Surveyor to Ascertain the bounds of the Towns land, and renew them.

8^{ly} Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to View the road that is in dispute leading to Mr Abraham Willards, which report is as follows viz.

We the Subscribers being a committee chosen by the Town for the purpose of Viewing the road leading to Mr Abraham Willards beg leve to report — that it is our opinion that the road in dispute ought to be oppened

Tho^s Cowdin } Committee
 Benj^a Marshall }

[104] 9^{ly} Voted to finish the bridge nigh the middle of the Town in the Same way as it was begun (viz) for the Surveyors to take on their destricts to work as the Committee shall order.

10^{ly} Voted to raife the same sum as was raised at first, in order to finish the bridge and the Surveyors to go on as before, and if the whole should not be wanted to finish the bridge, what is not wanted is to be laid out upon such destricts as the Committee appointed of over See the work done on the bridge shall order

11^{ly} Voted to pay Mr Daniel Steward sumthing for the Clock he has put up in the meeting houfe

12^{ly} Voted to reconfider the last vote respecting paying Mr Steward any thing for the Clock

13^{ly} Voted to difsolve this meeting
 Israel Turner Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Selectmen of Lunenbrg and Selectmen of Fitchburg preambukated the lines between the Towns Oct^r 29th 1799.

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambukated the line between the Town of Lunenburg and the Town of Fitchburg and renewed the bounds according to Law

Oct^r 29th 1799
 Josiah Stearns } Selectmen
 Josiah Hartwell } of
 Ephraim Rufsell } Lunenburg
 Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Amos Ordway } of Fitchburg

The above Certificate rec^d of the Selectmen of Fitchburg on y^e 29th Oct^r 1799 and recorded by
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk

To either of the Constables of the Town of
 (Seal) Fitchburg, Greeting You are hereby required in
 (Seal) the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 (Seal) to Notify and warn the freeholders and other In-
 habitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in
 Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house
 on Thursday the thirty first day of this Instant Oct^r at
 two OClock afternoon to act on the following articles
 (viz).

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting.

2nd To see what method will take to repair the school
 houses near Mr Elijah Carters, or any other of the old
 School houses that wants repairing to make them eaquel
 to the New Ones, or act any thing respecting School
 houses that they shall think proper.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will give the Surveyor Orders
 to open the road leading from the great road to Abra-
 ham Willards, which is streightned by a fence of Benja^a
 Kemps or act any thing thereon as they shall think prop-
 per.

[105] 4^{ly} To see what method the Town will take
 to distribute to the Pewholders their propotion of the
 money arising by the Sale of the Old meeting house or
 act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . .

5^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of the report of
 any Committee that has ben chosen for Inspection of
 Bridges or roads, or act any thing thereon as they shall
 think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant to us
 the Subscribers on or before the day above said, given
 under our hands & seals this 14th day of Oct^r AD. 1799.

Reuben Smith) Selectmen
 Israel Turner) of Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein exprest to
 meet at time and place and for the purpose within men-
 tioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Oct^r 31st 1799

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the 31st Oct^r 1799.

1st Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted that the school Committeeman for the 7th distriect be requested to repair the school house in that distriect so as to make it convenient for the next winter and make report to the Town at sum futer meeting the expence for allowance

Voted that all the school houfes that has funnels, to have them taken down to the Chamber flour and have a brick Chimney in leu of the funnell.

Voted that each school Committeeman where their is funnells be requested to make the Alteration, agreable to the last vote & make report at sum futer meeting the expence for allowance,

Voted that Lieu^t Jonathan Page the school Committeeman be requested to repair the school house in his Distriect so as to make it convenient for this winter and make report the expence at sum futer meeting for allowance.

Voted that M^r Timothy Batchelor the school Committeeman for the Distriect to which he belongs be requested to put in one Window into the school house in that distriect and make report the expence at sum futer meeting for allowance

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant respecting M^r Abr^m Willards road

Voted that the Town treafurer be directed to collect the money Arising from the Sale of the old meeting house from the Several purchafers, as soon as it becomes due;

Voted that the Selectmen be added as a Committee with Liu^t Durant who was first appointed to inspect & view the bridge Nigh the Widow Lincolns; Built by M^r Abijah Goodridge & M^r Amos Parce and report to the Town their oppinion whether it is built agreable to contract;

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to let out the Bridge nigh M^r Daniel Willards which is as follows.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen

by the Town on the first day of April last (viz) Phinehas Brown & Benja^a Marshall for the purpose of letting out a Bridge to be built Nigh M^r Daniel Willards which Bridge was let out to M^r Amos Putnum for twenty five dollars & the bridge is Built to the acceptance of the Committee and signd in their report made this day to the Town

25^{dollars} the price

Phinehas Brown

Benja^a Marshall

Voted to Difsolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[106] We the Subscribers, as the Law directs have this 4th day of Nov^r 1799 preamblelated the lines between the Town of Leominster and Fitchburg and renewed the bounds which are as follows, Begining at the Southeast corner of Fitchburg at a Whiteoak tree & runs west thirty one degrees South 610 rods to heap of Stones on Monoosnook Hill, from thence West 26 degrees South 140 rods to a white oak tree and Stones, from thence west 9 degrees North 239 rods to heap of Stones the Northwest corner of Leominster.

John Bufs } Selectmen of
Tho^s Hale } Leominster.

Israel Turner } Selectmen
Amos Ordway } of Fitchburg

The above Certificate rec^d of the Selectmen of Fitchburg on y^e 4th day of Nov^r 1799, & recorded by . . .

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg Nov^r 15th 1799.

This day mett and preamblelated the lines between the Town of Fitchburg and Ashby as the Law directs, which is as follows, begining at the North East corner of Fitchburg at a white pine tree, runing west Eight degrees North 1339 rods to a heap of Stones, bounded by stake and stones at every hundred rods

Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Amos Ordway } of Fitchburg

Cushing Burr } Selectmen
W^m Green } of Ashby

Worcester fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County of Worcester . . . Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 (Seal) you are hereby directed to warn & Notify
 (Seal) the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Fitchburg
 Qualified to vote in Town meetings as the Law directs to assemble & meet at the meeting house at Fitchburg on Munday the Eighteenth day of November next at three O'Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz

1^y To chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2^y To see if the Town will Chuse an Agent, or Agents, to answer to a Sitation from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Worcester to Answer to an Inditement found by the Grand Jury of said County for not keeping the South New road in said Town of Fitchburg in good repair or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

[107] 3^y To see if the Town will accept of the report of any committee Respecting bridges or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day given under our hands & Seals this 31st day of October AD 1799

Reuben Smith	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Israel Turner	
Amos Ordway	

Worcester: fs: In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned.

David Hodskins Constable

Fitchburg Nov^r 4th 1799.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 18th day of Nov^r 1799.

1^y Voted & chose Lieut Edward Durant Moderator

2^y Voted to chuse two Agents to answer to a Cita-

tion, in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg, the Citation founded on an inditement found by the Grand Jury for the County of Worcester; to answer to the Citation at the Court of General Sessions of the peace, next to be holden at Worcester within & for the County of Worcester on munday next preceeding the first tuesday of December next

Voted & Chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r & Israel Turner Esq^r as agents they or either of them to act in behalf of the Town for the above purpose.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting the accepting the Bridge built Nigh M^{rs} Lincolns tanyard (viz) the report was verbal, that the Bridge was done according to contract.

Voted to disolve this meeting

Edward Durant Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg December 26th 1799

Division of the school mony for 1799

	Deftriet		
Daniel Wetherbee . . .	N ^o 3	\$46..27..6	
Ephraim Osborn . . .	N ^o 4	34..70..6	
Daniel Putnam Jun ^r . .	N ^o 7	31..62..2	
Benj ^a Flint	N ^o 8	46..27..6	
Timothy Batchelor . .	N ^o 11	38..56..2	
Seth Phillips	N ^o 6	38..56..2	
John Thurston Jun ^r . .	N ^o 10	61..69..3	
Simeon Farwell	N ^o 5	25..46..2	
Elisha Chamberlin . .	N ^o 2	39..56..0	
Jonathan Page	N ^o 9	56..29..9	
Joseph Fox	N ^o 1	80..98..2	

Reuben Smith }
Israel Turner } Selectmen
Amos Ordway }

A, true copy from the Selectmens minutes;

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[108] To Abijah Goodridge one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town Qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to
 meet and assemble at the meeting house on munday the
 third day of this Instant March at three oClock afternoon
 to act on the following articles viz

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will give M^r Joseph Fenno a
 Deed of two Acres of Land on the South side of the Lot
 of Land belonging to the Town or any thing theirot they
 may think proper hereof fail not & make return of your
 doings with this warrant on or before said day given
 under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg March 1st 1800.

Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Israel Turner }

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the
 within named freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified
 by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at time and
 place within mentioned & for the purposes within men-
 tioned. Abijah Goodridge Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg assembled March 3rd 1800

1st Voted and chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

Voted that the Town Clerk be impowered to give a
 Deed of a Peice of Land on the South side of the Lot of
 Land belonging to the Town, which land was purchased
 of Tho^s Boynton, to Joseph Fenno, the Deed to be given
 agreeable to a former vote of the Town

Voted disolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: fs: To either of Constables of the Town of
 Fitchburg in said Town Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
 (Seal) chusetts you are hereby required to Notify and
 Warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
 Town of Fitchburg Qualified to vote in Town meetings

as the law directs, to meet & affemble at the meeting houe in said Town on Munday on Munday the third day of March next at nine oClock A. M. & when meet to act on the following articles.

1st To chufe a Moderator to Govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To Choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, & all other town officers annually choofe in the month of March.

3rd To see what sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to support schools the Enfuing year.

4th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to repair highways and Bridges the present year.

5^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to support the Minefter & defray the Necessary charges arifing within said Town the Infuing year

6^{ly} To see if the Town will choose a Saxton to take care of the meeting houe & burying Ground.

7th To see in what way the Town will support the Poor the year infueing.

8^{ly} To see if the Town will let the Swine run at Large under the Regulation of the Law.

9^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a committee to settle with Town Treafurer hereof fail not & make return with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day given under our hands & seals this 13th day of Febr̄y AD. 1800

Israel Turner } Selectmen
Amos Ordway } of
Fitchburg.

[109] Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin exprefs^d to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

March 3rd 1800

Abijah Goodridge Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Munday the 3rd day of March 1800

1st Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk.

Voted & chose M^r Ebenezer Thurston

. Town Treaferer

Voted to chuse Three Selectmen the present year

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r M^r John Farwell & M^r Phinehas Brown Selectmen

Voted to chuse Three Affsors for the present year.

Voted & chose M^r Reuben Smith, Israel Turner Esq^r & Doc^t Peter Snow Affsors

Voted to let out the Collectorship at the house of M^r David Boutell^s at four oClock in the afternoon this day at Vendue the person or persons biding it off to bring two Sufficient bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town.

Voted to chuse a Committee of Nine for the above purpose

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry, Joseph Fox, Maj^r Benj^a Marhall, Doc^t Snow Israel Turner Esq^r M^r David Boutell, M^r Jacob Gibson, M^r Amos Ordway M^r David Pratt, M^r Phinehas Brown & M^r Reuben Smith a committee for the above purpose

Voted to chuse the same number of Highway Surveyors as last year.

Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge, M^r Amos Patee, M^r Joseph Downe Ju^r M^r Daniel Andrews, M^r Nathan Badcock Ju^r M^r Jacob Macintire, M^r David Boutell, M^r John Carter, M^r Jonathan Low Ju^r M^r Elijah Macintire Lieut^o Jon^a Page, M^r Tim^o Garfield, M^r Sam^l Harrifs, M^r Ephraim Hartwell & M^r Jonas Marhall Ju^r to be highway Surveyors the year Enfuing . . Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose M^r Nehemiah Fuller, Maj^r Benj^a Marhall M^r Jonas Marhall Ju^r & M^r Joshua Stickney hogreves Hoggreaves

Voted & chose M^r Ezra Ritter & M^r Jacob Gibson firewards Firewards

Voted & chose M^r John Willard & Lien^t John Putnam Surveyors of Lumber . . . Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose M^r Jacob Upton Ju^r & M^r Abijah Goodridge Fence viewers. Fence viewers

Voted & chose Cornet Eliha Chamberlin & M^r Mofes Hale field drivers Field drivers

Voted & chose M^r David Parce Sealer of Weights & meafures Sealer of Weights & meafures

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Simons & M^r Timothy Garfield Sealers of Leather Sealers of leather

Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marhall Ju^r. Pound keeper Pound keeper

Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Brown M^r Aaron Eaton Tytheingmen Tytheingmen

Voted & chose M^r John. R. Kemp Surveyor of hoops & Staves Surveyor of hoops and Staves

Voted to raise Two hundred pounds to repair the highways & bridges the present year and to be workt out at the Same rate as last year and to be allowed for Work, tools &c the same as last year.

[110] Voted to raise One hundred pound for the Support of the Reverend M^r Worcester for One year

Voted to raise One hundred & fifty pounds for the support of the schools to year Enfuing

Voted that the school money be laid out in the same way and manner as last year

Voted & chose M^r David Boutell, M^r Elitha Chamberlin M^r Kendol Boutell Ju^r M^r Daniel Harrifs, M^r David Bawldin M^r Jabez Sawyer, Lieu^t James Cowdin, M^r Elijah Macintire M^r Abraham Farwell, Daniel Putnam Esq^r M^r Joseph Holt, to be a School Committee in the Several Distriets to which they belong & to be under the direction of the distriect for which they are chosen in laying out the money School Committee

Voted that the school Committee be directed to agree with the school masters that are to keep the several schools, that they are not to be allowed anything for keeping the schools on Satterdays in the afternoon, and the masters not to be allowed any thing for their time on publick days unless they keep the school

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant for the present

Voted to let out the Saxton befinels at Vendue to take care of the meeting houfe

Voted & chose M^r Thomas Eaton, M^r John Thurston Ju^r & M^r Tim^o Garfield to be a committee to let out the

Saxton befines at Vendue to the lowest bidder at the same time & place as the Collectorship and report to the Town at the adjournment

Voted to let out the Poor at Vendue by Committee to the lowest bidder at the same time & place as the Collectorship and those that bids them of to take them to be accountable the same as last year and make report at the adjournment,

Voted that the Committee consist of Nine, and then

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r: M^r Paul Wetherbee M^r Jo^s Polly Lieu^t: Edward Durant, Deacon Kendol Boutell, M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r: Doe^t: Jonas Marthall, Lien^t: Seth Phillips, & M^r: Jon^a: Low Jun^r: and make their report at the adjournment.

Voted that the Swine run at large under the regulation of the Law.

Voted to chuse a Committee to settle with the Treaferer and make report at the adjournment

Voted & chose M^r: Reuben Smith, Israel Turner Esq^r: & M^r John Thurston Ju^r: to be a Committee to Settle with the Treaferer and make their report at the adjournment

Voted and chose M^r: Eph^r: Kimboll to take care of the burying Ground dig Graves &c, when needed

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill four oClock this afternoon then to meet at M^r: David Boutells.

At four oClock The town meet according to adjournment and opened the meeting

Voted to chuse a committee and for them to report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting the best method for repairing the South County road leading from Leominster to Westminster being the Post road from Boston to Keen.

[111] Voted that the Committee consist of three, then

Voted & chose M^r: Abraham Willard, M^r Tho^s Cowdin & M^r Paul Wetherbee to be a committee for the above purpose and report to the Town at the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the third munday of this present month at one oClock in the afternoon then to meet at the meeting house in said Town.

March 17th 1800 The Town meet according to adjournment & opened the meeting being the 3rd munday of March.

The committee appointed to settle with the Trefurer made report as follows (viz)

The committee Chofe to settle with the Trefurer Find due to the Town of Fitchburg (viz)

Due from Daniel Wetherbee Collector for 1797	\$26..66..9
Due from S. Harrifs Jun ^r Collector for 1798 . .	264..32..8
Due from D. Hodgskins Collector for 1798 . .	469..30..9
Due from D. Hodgskins Collector for 1799 . .	449..11..5
Due from D. Hodgskins Collector for 1799 . .	142..19..8
Due from A. Goodridge Collector for 1799 . .	680..99..4
A note given by the Reverend J. Payson Dated Nov ^r 1799	42..07..0
Due on a note Given by William Brown prin- fable	3..11..0
a note Given by D. Wetherbee Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Princable	36..38..0
a note Given by P. Allen Oct ^r 2 nd 1797 . .	10..42..0
a note Given by Maj ^r J. Goodridge Oct ^r 1 st 1797	22..51..0
a note given by Cap ^t Afaph Goodridge Oct ^r 21 st 1797.	13..09..0
Due on a note given by J. Upton	1..54..0
Due on a note given by Cap ^t J. Burnap . .	22..29..0
Due the Towns propotion old meeting houfe .	68..00..0
a note given by David Gibson	2..00..0
Money now in the trefurers hands	17..50..0
Vouchers now in the Trefurers hands for monys paid the Reverend Sam ^l Worcester	98..02..4
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	2369..54..7

An account of what the Town of Fitchburg is In-
debted

Due to Peter Town	\$500..00..0
Due to Jonathan Smith	220..00..0
Due to Seth Phillips	129..00..0
Due to Blany Phillips	35..54..8

Due to Ebn ^r Thurston	157..00..0
Due to the Reverend S. Worcester	333..33..0
Due the School money	500..00..0
Due the money lent to E. Kimboll	100..00..0
Due to defray Town charges	300..00..0
	2274..87..8

Fitchburg March 7th 1800

Reuben Smith	} Committee
Israel Turner	
John Thurston Jr.	
Ebn ^r Thurston Treafurer.	

[112] Voted that Jonathan Low Jun^r Samuel Harrifs, Joseph Downe Jun^r & Amos Parce four of the highway Surveyors for the present year, be directed to take their Several Deftricts on the New County road from Leominster line to Westminster line to work with their deftricts agreeable to directions to be given by the Affessors in their tax bill and the work to be done by the first of June next

Voted to chufe a committeeman to superintend and inspect the work done on the New County road from Leominster line to Westminster line & see that the road is put in repair by the fifth of June next & further to see that the road is kept in repair through the season it being the Post road from Leominster to Keen

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee a Committeeman for the above purpose

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to defray Necessary charges.

The committee appointed to let out the Saxton befinfs (viz) to take care of the meeting house made their report as follows (viz)

3rd March 1800 4 oClock afternoon

The committee appointed to let out the taking care of the meeting house for one year, the person who takes it is to keep it clean and decent, Shovel the Snow of the door Stons on Sunday morning, if any on them and was set up to the lowest bidder

And was bid of to M^r Aaron Eaton at Seventeen shillings & sixpenc . 17/6 for taking care of the meeting house

Tho^s Eaton p^r order.

Voted to accept this report:

The committee appointed to let out the Towns poor at Vendue made their report as follows (viz)

3rd March 1800 4 oClock

The committee appointed to let out the Towns Poor to the lowest bidder and them that bid them off to be aufwable for their behaviour Especially Smith & Upton the same as Useal, or last year.

Set up Ephraim Smith to the lowest bidder p^r y^e weak agreeable to the above conditions, And bid of to M^r Stephen Sawin at two shillings & four pence p^r weak for the year and in propotion if he should not lieve the year out.

Set up Oliver Upton to the lowest bidder p^r weak agreeable to the above conditions And bid of to Cap^t Jonathan Wood at Three shillings & eight pence p^r weak for the year, or in propotion if he should not lieve out the year.

Sut up Mary Wares to the lowest bidder p^r weak for the time the person bids her of shall support her, and so in propotion if she should not lieve out the year.

And bid of to Jacob Jaquith at five pence p^r weak.

Sut up Benj^o Danforth to the lowest bidder p^r weak by the year or untill he shall be provided for otherways from the time the said Danforth shall be obliged to be supported by said Town of Fitchburg And bid of To Deacon Kendol Boutell at two shillings & six pence p^r weak agreeable to the above conditions.

Daniel Putnam p^r order.

Voted to accept the above report.

[113] 3rd March 1800. 4 oClock in the afternoon agreeable to appointment

The committee that was chosen to let out the Collect-orship to the lowest bidder the bidders to bring two bondlmen each to the acceptance of the Town,

Sut up the South side of the Town upon the hundred pound on the above conditions

Bid of to Ezra Ritter at Twenty five shillings & six pence upon the hundred pound

Set up the North side of the Town upon the hundred pounds upon the above conditions

Bid of to Cap^t Jonathan Wood at Twenty five shillings & three pence upon the hundred pound,

Afa Perry p^r order

Voted to accept the above report

Voted to adjourn this meeting to M^r David Boutells their to meet in half an hour from this time.

The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened

Voted to accept of M^r Afa Perry & M^r Joshua Parce as bondsmen for Cap^t Jon^s Wood as Collector for the North side of the Town the year Enfuing.

Voted to accept of M^r David Pratt & M^r Daniel Wetherbee as bondsmen for M^r Abijah Goodridge as collector for the South side of the Town the year Enfuing.

Voted & chose Cap^t Jon^s Wood Collector for the North side of the Town the year Enfuing

Voted & chose M^r Abijah Goodridge Collector for the south side of the Town the year Enfuing. & it is expected he is to have same sum upon the hundred pound for collecting as Ezra Ritter bid it of for which was 25/6 upon the hundred pound.

Voted & chose M^r Abijah Goodridge Conftable for the year Enfuing

Voted & chose M^r Amos Ordway Conftable for the year Enfuing

voted to difsolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in Name of the Commonwealth of
 (Seal) Maffachufetts to require you in due corse of Law
 (Seal) to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of s^d
 Town being free and Twenty one years of age
 haveing a freehold of an Estate within the Commonwealth
 of the Annual income of three pounds or any Rateable

property to the Value of Sixty pounds to affemble and meet at the meeting houfe on Munday the Seventh Day of April next at three oClock P: M. and when meet, then and their to give in their votes to the Selectmen who shall preside at said meeting for the following respectives officers (viz)

For a Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, and Senators & Counfellors agreable to the Confitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before s^d day and time above mentioned, Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Seventeenth day of March A. D. 1800.

John Thurston Ju ^r	}	Selectmen
John Farwell		
Phinehas Brown		

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Male Inhabitants of twenty one years of age to meet at the time and place and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg 7th April 1800. Amos Ordway Constable

[114] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 7th day of April 1800 being the first munday in said month for the purpose of chufing A Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators & Counfellors

The meeting being opened and votes, call^d for in order, counted & Sorted, & declaration made as follows (viz)

Govenor	
For His Honour Mofes Gill	1
The Honorable Elbridge Gerry	64
The Honorable Caleb Strong	12
Lieu ^t Govenor	
For His Honour Mofes Gill	22
The Honorable W ^m Heath	38

Senators & Counfellors

For The Honorable Elijah Brigham	19
The Honbl Salem Town	21
The Honbl Josiah Stearns	19
Benj ^a Kimboll Esq ^r	19
Benj ^a Reed Esq ^r	35
The Honbl Jon ^a Warner	05
Moses White Esq ^r	32
The Honbl Levi Lincoln	18
Col ^o Charles Cushing	32
Silas Cutler Esq ^r	13
Joseph Fox Esq ^r	21
The Honbl Jo ^s Stone	35
Tho ^s Hale Esq ^r	01
John Thurston Jun ^r } John Farwell } Phinchas Brown }	Selectmen
Joseph Fox Town Clerk	

Worcester: Is To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due course of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house in said Town on munday the 7th day of April next at two oClock P. M. and when meet then and their to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting.
- 2^d To see if the Town will chuse a committee to measure off the Land that was possessed by the Town to give M^r Joseph Fenno a Deed of or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper
- 3^d To see if the Town will except of an agreement made by M^r Abraham Willard & M^r Benj^a Kemp respecting a road that has ben in dispute between them or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper
- 4th To see if the Town will Sell the remainder of their Land that lies below the road it being the fourth side of

the Land s^d Town bought of M^r Boynton or act any thing theiron as they as they shall think proper

[115] Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Seventeenth day of March A. D. 1800

John Thurston Jun^r }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Phinehas Brown }

Perfuant to the within I have notified the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg 7th April 1800 Amos Ordway Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 7th day of April 1800.

1^y Voted & chose Maj^r Benj^a Marshall Moderator.

Voted to chufe a Committee to meafure off the Land that the Town voted to give M^r Joseph Fenno in order that he may have a Deed.

Voted to chufe One as a Committee for the above purpose

Voted to have two more added to the Committee

Voted & chose M^r Tho^s Cowdin M^r John Thurston Jun^r & M^r Reuben Smith be a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Committee be directed to meafure off the land for M^r Fenno where it will be the least damage to the Town for the remainder of the land lying on the South side of the road,

Voted to accept of the agreement between M^r Abraham Willard & M^r Benj^a Kemp which is as follows. viz

A memorandam of an agreement between M^r Abraham Willard & M^r Benj^a Kemp this day agreed to Nov^r 18th 1799 viz The said Kemp is to give twenty eight rods of Land to the Town of Fitchburg for a road & he is to move his fence from off the same, said road begins at the

North east corner of said Kemps land & runing West twenty eight rods in length & one rod in bredth on the town road & the said Willard is to give the said Kemp eight shillings & four pence in confideration for the above mentioned road for the above purpose. This we firmly agree to as witnefs our hands, the above mentioned fence is to be moved off from the afore said road in one month from this date by the said Kemp

Fitchburg Nov^r 18th 1799

Abraham Willard

Benj^a Kemp

Attest Tho^s Cowdin
Joseph Polly
Benj^a Marshall

Voted to give One shilling p^r head for Crows this present year that shall be killed in the bounds of Fitchburg

Voted that the Town Treadurer be directed to pay one shilling p^r head for crows to any person or persons that shall present them provided the Treadurer is Satisfied that the Crows prefented ware kill^d in the limits of the Town.

Voted to sell the remainder of the Towns land upon the South side of the road bought of Tho^s Boynton over and above what has ben voted to give to M^r Joseph Fenno,

Voted that the Committee that was chosen to meafure off the land for Joseph Fenno be directed to meafure of the remainder of the land upon the south side the road.

Voted that the Committee that is chosen to meafure off Joseph Fenno^s land be requested to view the Land and report to the Town the next Town meeting their oppinion whether it is best to alter the road on the land bought of Tho^s Boynton or not,

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting selling the remainder of the Towns land upon the South side of the road bought of Tho^s Boynton

Voted to add two to the above Committee

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry & M^r Abraham Willard to be added to the Committee

[116] Voted to adjorn this meeting to the 2nd tusday of may next at 3 OClock in the afternoon at this place.

Tuesday 13th May 1800 The Town meet according to adjournment

Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting measuring of the land that the Town proposed to Deed to Joseph Fenno and sum other persons together with a Plan of the land, belonging to the Town which report is as follows (viz)

We your committee appointed by the Town have attended the business and beg leave to report that we had laid of the land for Mr Jo^s Fenno on the south side of the towns land likewise it is our oppinion that the road ought not to be altered, The plans of the land we shall Exhibit with this report p^r order . . Tho^s Cowdin

Fitchburg April 11th 1800

Voted to Sell at Publick Vendue to the highest bidder the remainder of the land (besides what Joseph Fenno is to have a Deed off) viz what is upon the South Side of the road bought of Tho^s Boynton.

It was moved and Seconded, and put to vote to see if the Town will sell the Towns Land that that they own upon the South side the road bought of Tho^s Boynton, And it pass^d in the Negative.

meeting defolved.

Benja^m Marshall Moderator
Joseph Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due course of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house on Tuesday the thirteenth day of may next at One oClock P: M. and when mett to act on the following articles viz

first To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to repair the great Bridge near Maj^r Goodridges or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper.

3^y To see if the Town will make any further repairs upon the school houfes or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

4^y To see if the Town will make any confideration to Cap^t. Burbank, for money said Burbank, says he advanced for Amos Darby taxes while he was Collector over and above what he rec^d

5^y To see if the Town will fence the burying ground in the West part of said Town of Fitchburg or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

6^y To see if the Town will equipt every Soldier in said Town with Powder and Ball as the Militia Law directs or act anything theiron as they shall think propper agreable to order of Maj^t. Marshall and others

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this twenty second day of April A. D.

1800

John Thurston Ju ^r	} Selectmen.
John Farwell	
Phinehas Brown	

[117] May 13th 1800

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and inhabitants of said Town Qualified as the Law directs to meet at time & place and for the purpose within mentioned Abijah Goodridge Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on tusday the 13th day of May 1800.

1^y Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r. Moderator.

Voted to repair the Bridge nigh Maj^t. Goodridge^s.

Voted to Chufe a committee to repair the Bridge nigh Maj^t. Goodridge^s as they shall think best and most for the Interest of the Town

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq^r. M^r. Afa Perry Maj^t. John Goodridge to be a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Selectmen make the school houfes that

are complained off by finishing them, Eaquel to the school houfes, that was built the year before last, excepting putting in stoves, and bring in their account to the Town for allowance.

Voted to abate One years tax of Cap^t: Samuel Burbank in confequence of his lofs that he made while Collector, for taxes he had against Amos Darby deced^d which he has not collected as Burbank says

Voted to chufe a Committee, to take a Deed in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg of one Acre of Land belonging to M^r Jacob Upton for a burying yard and when the Committee has got a Deed to Wall in the yard Eaqual to what wall they have now begun.

Voted that the Committee confist of three

Voted & chofe M^r: Reuben Smith M^r: Amos Putnam & Maj^r: Benj^a: Marshall and make report to the Town the expence for allowance.

Voted to Equipt every Soldier in the Town of Fitchburg with Powder, Ball & flints as the Millitia Law directs, and that the Selectmen be requested to procure it in their care untill further order of the Town.

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester: fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
(Seal) the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty
One years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one year next proceeding having a freehold Estate within said town of the Annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting houfe in said Town on tusday the thirteenth day of May next at three oClock P: M: for the purpose of chusing a person to Reprefent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of may, hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to Sum one of us at or before the above date Given under

our hands & seals at Fitchburg this twenty Second day of April 1800.

John Thurston Jun^r }
 John Farwell } Selectmen
 Phinehas Brown }

May 13th 1800

Persuant to the within warrant I duly notified the Male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
 Abijah Goodridge Constable

[118] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on tuesday the 13th day of May 1800—in order to chuse a Representative,

The meeting opened & the Town voted to adjorn for half an hour

The town mett according to adjornment

It was motioned & seconded and the Vote put to see if the Town would chuse a Representative to Represent them in General Court this present year, And it pafs in the Negative

John Thurston Jun^r }
 John Farwell } Selectmen
 Phinehas Brown }

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said county, Greeting.

(Seal) Your are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachusetts to notify and warn the Male inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of age and having a freehold of Estate within the district of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds to meet at the meeting house on munday the 3rd day of Nov^r next at One oClock P. M. for the purpose of giving in their vote for a Federal Representative agreeable to an act of the Commonwealth, Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned, given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of of Oct^r A. D. 1800.

John Thurston Jun^r }
 John Farwell } Selectmen

Persuant to the within I have notified the Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg Oct: 20th 1800 Amos Ordway Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 3rd day of Nov: 1800 for the purpose of chusing a representative for the second middle Distriet of the Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to represent us in the Congress of the United States the town being affembled and the votes called for and brought in counted & Sorted and declaration made of the persons voted for and was as follows viz.

For the Honorable Joseph B. Varnam 56
For the Honorable Timothy Bigelow 7

John Thurston Ju^r }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Phinehas Brown }
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[119] Worcester, fs. to either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting houfe in said Town on the first munday of Nov: next at two oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chufe a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will chufe an agent or agents to meet in convention at Templeton respecting a Divifion of the County agreable to a circular letter

3^y To see if the Town will purchase a convenient peice of land for a burying yard or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to Sum one of us at or before said

day and time above mentioned given under our hands
seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of Oct^r AD. 1800

John Thurston Jun^r }
John Farwell } Selectmen

Persuant to the within I have notified the freeholders
and other inhabitants to meet at the time and place and
for the purposes within mentioned.

Fitchburg Oct^r 20, 1800 Amos Ordway Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg affembled on monday the 3^rd day of Nov^r 1800
the meeting opened.

1^y Voted & chofe M^r Afa Perry Moderator

2^y It being motioned & seconded to send an agent to
attend a conventioned respecting forming a new County
in the County of Worcester to meet at Joshua Wrights in
Templeton on y^e 6th Inf^t in consequence of receiving a cir-
cular letter from Several Gentlemen from Several Towns
and it pafsed in the affirmative

Voted to chufe Israel Turner Esq^r to attend the Con-
vention

Voted to chufe a committee to view and see if they
can find a convenient place for a burying yard and find
the Conditions, and report at sum futer meeting

Voted that the committee consist of five

Voted & chofe Cap^t Will^m Brown M^r John Farwell
Cap^t Edward Durant M^r Eph^m Kimboll M^r David Boutell
& committee for the above purpose

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[120] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the
Town of Fitchburg within said County . . . Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corse of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the free holders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law
to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the

meeting houfe on thursday the Eleventh day of December next at one oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see what order the Town will take upon an order from the General Court upon a Petition of a number of the Inhabatants of the Town of Fitchburg with others respecting a poole parish and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^y To see what order the Town will take upon the proceeding of the Convention that set at Templetown on the sixth of November Instant and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^y To see if the Town will take a bond of James Mace for the maintenance and Support of his Mother Sarah Mace, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

5^y To see if the Town will here and except the report of the Committee chofen to view for a peice of Land for a burying yard and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

6^y To see if the Town will make any confideration to M^r Daniel Steward for a Clock he put into the meeting houfe

7^y To see if the Town will abate M^r Samuel Berrys & M^r George Woods taxes for the two last years past or any part theirof.

8^y To see if the Town will make any further repairs to the school houfes or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Twenty fifth day of November AD. 1800

John Thurston Jun^r }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Phinehas Brown }

Persuant to the within I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place within mentioned

December 11th 1800 Amos Ordway Conftable

[121] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the 11th day of December 1800

1st Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator.

2^d Voted to pass over the 2nd article in the warrant for the present

Voted to chuse Israel Turner Esq^r to attend the Convention at Templeton on munday next respecting forming a new County, and make report of the proceedings of the Convention at the next Town meeting

Voted to chuse a committee to draw up Instructions to give to our agent that is chosen to go to Templeton respecting forming a new County

Voted to chuse five as a committee for the above purpose

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Daniel Putnam Esq^r M^r David Boutell, Cap^t W^m Brown & Doe^t Peter Snow to be the committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to settle the befinis of the 4th article in the warrant with M^r James Mace respecting the maintenance of his Mother M^{rs} Sarah Mace

Voted to except the report of the Committee that was appointed to look out a piece of Land Sutable for a burying yard and find what price the Land can be purchased at, which report is as follows (viz) and was a verbal report. The Land in the oppinion of the Committee that is most Sutable is Situated & lyes nigh M^r Blanys and is a part of M^r Blanys Land and part of M^r Eph^r Kindolls Land, that part proposed to take of off M^r Blanys he will sell at Fifteen dollars p^r Acre after he has taken the Wood off, and Kindolls at twenty dollars p^r acre and he to take the wood off, and was reported by Cap^t Durant one of the Committee.

Voted that the Committee that made this report be a committee to purchase the piece or pieces of Land and take a Deed in behalf of the Town

Voted that the Town Treafurer be added to the Committee to purchase the land for the burying ground and that the Treafurer pay for the Land or give Security in behalf of the Town for the amount

Voted to pass over the Sixth article in the warrant

Voted to abate Samuel Berrys rates in the hands of Mr Ezra Ritter for the years 1799 and 1800.

Voted to abate Mr George Woods poole tax in the hands of Mr Ezra Ritter for the two last years.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to put the school houses in repair Sufficient to keep the schools in and make report to the Town the expence for allowance.

Voted to chuse an Agent to attend the General Court on the third Thursday of the Session of the Court which shall be holden next after the first day of January in the year 1801 agreeable to Notification from said Court to shew cause Why the Prayer of a number of Petitioners from the Towns of Fitchburg, Westminster, Ashburnham & Ashby for a Poole Parish should not be granted and for the agent to do what shall appear to him to be reasonable to prevent the Petitioners obtaining a Pool Parish agreeable to their request.

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r an agent for the above purpose

Voted to chuse a Committee to remonstrate in the name of the Town to the General Court to furnish the agent with a Defence to oppose the Petitioners in obtaining their request for a Poole Parish.

[122] Voted to chuse three as a committee

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Doc^t Peter Snow & Mr John Thurston Ju^r

Voted to take up the 6th article in the warrant which has ben voted to be pass^d over

Voted to chuse a committee to treat with Mr Daniel Steward respecting his putting a Clock into the meeting house and the Circumstances of his Encouragement to put it up and make their report to the Town at sum futer meeting

Voted to chuse three as a Committee

Voted & chose Deacon Boutell Mr Eph^r Kimball & Cap^t Ed^d Durant a committee for the above purpose

Voted to disolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

The following is a Division of the school money for the year 1800 as made by the Selectmen (viz)

Mr David Boutell for deftrict	Nº 1	. . . . .	\$81..80..8
Mr Eliha Chamberlin for	Dº Nº 2	. . . . .	46..63..8
Mr Kendol Boutell for	Dº Nº 3	. . . . .	45..87..4
Mr Daniel Harrifs for	Dº Nº 4	. . . . .	35..15..5
Mr David Bawldin for	Dº Nº 5	. . . . .	24..46..7
Mr Jabez Sawyer for	Dº Nº 6	. . . . .	35..93..5
Cap ^t James Cowdin for	Dº Nº 7	. . . . .	32..11..2
Mr Elijah Macintire for	Dº Nº 8	. . . . .	45..87..5
Mr Abraham Farwell for	Dº Nº 9	. . . . .	55..81..3
Daniel Putnam Esq ^r for	Dº Nº 10	. . . . .	61..16..8
Mr Joseph Holt for	Dº Nº 11	. . . . .	35..15..5
			\$500..00 0

Fitchburg 22nd December 1800

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
John Farwell	
Phinehas Brown	

[123] Worcester, fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County . . Greeting (Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth (Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corse of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and afsemble at the meeting houfe on Tusday the twenty Seventh day of this instant January at one oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles. (viz)

1st To chufe a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will difannul all former votes that relate to opposing those persons of the Town of Fitchburg at the General Court who have petitioned to be incorporated into a pole parish or act any thing theiron as they may think proper, or give those persons that profefs to be of a defirent Sentement from that of the Reverend Mr Worcester: The meetinghoufe their propotionable part of the Sundays according to the tax they pay or act any thing theiron agreable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said Town.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will abate Abraham Maces taxes for the year 1796 & 1797 that was delivered to David Hodgskins to collect or any part theirol.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theirom to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this twelfth Day of January AD. 1801.

John Thurston Jun^r }
John Farwell } Selectmen

Persuant to the within I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned

Amos Ordway Constable

Fitchburg January 27th 1801

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on tuesday the 27th day of January 1801.

Voted & chose Maj^r Benj^a Marshall Moderator

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town would chuse a committee to confer with the Petitioners that request a Pool parish in order to know what they would wish for. A vote was call^d for, & it pass^d in the Negative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town would difannul all former votes respecting opposing the Petitioners for a Pool parish; The vote was call^d for and pass^d in y^e Negative.

It was motioned & Seconded to see if the Town will vote that those persons that are of a defirent Sentement with M^r Worcester their propotionable part of the meeting house on Sundays according to their taxes in order to attend upon publick worship. The vote being put and it pass^d in the affirmative.

Voted to abate Abraham Mace^s rates for the year 1797 that are not paid in David Hodgskins hands

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting giving those persons that are of a defirent Sentement with M^r Worcester their propotionable part of the meeting house on Sundays in order to worship in on Sundays, And likewise to disannul all former votes respecting opposing the Pool parish.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Benj^a Marshall Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[124] Worcester: fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County . . . Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Maffachusetts to require you in due corse of Law
 (Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
 Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to
 vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the meet-
 ing house on Munday the twenty third day of this instant
 February at One OClock. P. M. and when meet to act on
 the following articles (viz)

1st To chufe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a Committee to
 hold a conference with the greived parties in regard to
 their Religious Sentements and if need be with the Reverend
 M^r Worcester or act any thing theiron as they shall
 think propper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will grant those persons of a
 diferent denomination from the Reverend Samuel Worces-
 ter the meeting houfe their propotion of the Sundays
 according to the tax they pay or act any thing theiron
 as they shall think propper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will leive out of their affes-
 ment for the tax to the Reverend M^r Worcester all those
 persons that form themselves into a Religious Society and
 make it known to the Town at the Annual meeting in
 March by giving in their names, or act any thing theiron
 as they shall think propper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will vote off all the Inhabi-
 tants in the Northwest part of the Town of Fitchburg
 who wishes to be set off as a Town agreable to a plan
 formerly drawn by Some of the Inhabitants of the Towns
 of Fitchburg, Westminster, Ashburnham & Ashby or act
 any thing theiron as they shall think propper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings theiron to Some one of us on or before said
 day and time above mentioned given under our hands

and Seals at Fitchburg this second day of February A: D: 1801.

John Thurston Junr	} Selectmen
John Farwell	
Phinehas Brown	

Fitchburg February 20th 1801

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified to vote in Town meetings as the Law directs to meet at time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 23rd day of February 1801.

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant moderator

Voted to pafs over the Second article in the warrant

Voted to Grant those persons that are of a defirent denomanation from the Revend Samuel Worcester the meeting houfe their propotion of the Sundays according to the tax they pay

Voted to leive out of the affesment of the tax for the future to the Revend M^r Worcester all those persons that form themselves into a religious [125] Society and make it known to the Town at the Annual meeting in March by giving in their names

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant.

It was moved & seconded to see if the Town will adjorn this meeting for one hour in order for the minority to lodge in the Towns hands their protest against the proceedings of this meeting. The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Edward Durant Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

*Fitchburg Feby 23 1801

We the Subscribers being inhabitants of Said town and being the minority in a town meeting held in Said Fitchburg on this Day and

*This document, which bears on the reverse an attested copy of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 1801, which records action relating to Rev. Mr. Worcester, furnished by Joseph Fox, Town Clerk, is affixed to page 124.

present when the Within Vots was Paft and Vewing them as being in open Violation of the Contract that the town made with the Reverend Samuel Worcefter at his Settlement in the minefry in this place and also an obftinacion againft him in fulfilling his minefterial office according to his Sollomn Charge hereby Enter our proteft againft the proceedings of the town in refpect to the Vots past in town meeting this Day and requett that this our proteft may be fild and recorded in the town Clerks office in this town

Kendal Boutell
 Nehemiah Fuller
 Phinehas Brown
 John Thurston Jur
 John Farwell
 Eph^m Kimball
 Jon^a Lowe
 Joseph Low
 Mofes Hale
 John Putnam
 Amof Sheldon
 Samuel Harris
 Ezra Ritter
 Simeon Farwell
 Consider Turner
 Benjamin Fuller
 Phinehas Allen
 Daniel Putnam
 Eben^r Thurston
 Aaron Eaton
 Seth Phillips
 John Farwell Jur
 Kendal Boutell Jur
 Afaph Boutell
 Jabez Sawyer
 Elip^t Perley
 Jeremiah Kinsman
 Thomas Mefsinger
 Calvin Mefsinger
 John Thurfton

Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within Said County Greeting
 (Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth of
 (Seal) Mafsachufetts to require you in due corfe of Law,
 (Seal) to notify & warn a verbal meeting of all the free-
 (Seal) holders & other Inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet & afsemble at the meeting houfe on munday this fecond day

Sturbridge Feb 25 1780

The subscribers being inhabitants of this town
and being the majority in a town meeting held
in due Sturbridge on this day and present where
the petition was read and finding them as
being in open violation of the Compact that
the town made with the Reverend Samuel Warfield
at his settlement in the ministry in this place
and also an obstruction against him in fulfilling
his ministerial office according to his solemn
charge hereby enter our protest against
the proceedings of the town in respect to the
said petition from meeting this day
Vote and request that this our protest may be
kept and recorded in the town Clerks office in
this town

~~Sturbridge~~

Lincoln Beckett

Deborah's father

Phineas Brown

John Thurston jr

John Howell

Spencer Kimball

John Luce

Joseph Luce

Asa Hall

John Brigham

A. M. H. H.

Samuel Harris

Ezra Fisher

Simon Merrill

Conrad's, Seneca

Benjamin Miller

Phineas Miller

Daniel Putnam

Dea^r Thurston

Asa Call

Seth Phillips

John Farwell

Lincoln Beckett

John

John

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of March at three of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles, viz.

First to chufe a moderator to govern said meeting

Secondly To see if the Town will direct the Affeffors or any other Sutable Persons to propotion the number of Sundays, to those persons who are of a defirent Sentement from the Rev^d Samuel Worcester agreeable to a vote of the Town pafs'd on the 23rd day of February last or act any thing theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, to some one of us with your doing on said day, given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Second day of March A. D. One thoufand eight hundred and one.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned

March 2nd 1801 Amos Ordway Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on the 2nd day of March 1801

Voted & chose M^r Amos Ordway Moderator

Voted that the affeffors propotion the Sundays for those to improve the meeting houfe that are of a defirent denomemation from the Rev^d M^r Worcester and make their report at next Town meeting.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Amos Ordway Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

the reafon this meeting was recorded before the March meeting, was becaufe the March meeting was not finished but adjorned to April meeting J. F. T. C

[126] Worcester, fs. To either the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) Verbally all the Inhabitants qualified by Law to
 (Seal) vote for a Representative to meet at the meeting
 house on munday the sixth day of April instant to
 give in their Votes for a County Treafurer & Register of
 Deeds Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant
 with your doing thereon on said day. Given under our
 hands & Seals at Fitchburg this sixth day of April 1801.

To chufe a moderator to count & Sort the Votes

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polly	

Persuant to the within warrant I have duly notified
 the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as within men-
 tioned to meet at time & place & for the purpose within
 mentioned. Abijah Goodridge Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg affembled on munday the 6th day of April 1801
 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a county
 Treafurer and County Register and after counting & sort-
 ing the Votes by Doe! Peter Snow who was chosen mod-
 erator and likewise to count and Sort the votes their
 appeared to be as follows (viz)

County Treafurer
 For Mr Samuel Allen 66

County Register
 For Col^o Daniel Clap 47
 Peter Snow Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[127] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of
 the Town of Fitchburg with said County . . . Greeting
 (Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachutts to require you in due corse of Law
 (Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
 inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to
 vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the meet-

ing house on Monday the Second day of March next at nine o'clock in the morning and when met to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To chuse a Town Clerk, Town treasurer, Selectmen and other Town officers as the Law directs and act any thing in regard to chusing collectors as they may think proper

3^d To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support the Revend M^r Worcester the year ensuing.

4^d To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support the schools the year ensuing and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

5^d To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to pay the Towns Debts and other necessary charges the year ensuing

6th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the present year

7^d To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the year ensuing and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

8^d To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with the Town treasurer

9^d To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at Large under the regulation of the Law

10^d To see if the Town will abate Abraham Maces taxes for the years 1798 & 1799, which is in the hands of M^r Ezra Ritter or any part thereof

11^d To see if the Town will chuse a Saxton or Saxton to take care of the meeting house and burying ground or act any thing thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord AD 1801.

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen
John Farwell		
Phinchas Brown		

Fitchburg March 2nd 1801 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified to vote in town meetings as the Law directs to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned. Abijah Goodridge Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 2nd day of March 1801.

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator . Moderator
 Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk
 Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Town Treafurer
 Town Treafurer

Voted to chufe Five Selectmen for the year infuing year and they to serve without pay except for befiness to be done out of the Town and laying out roads

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith, Doc^t Peter Snow M^r Abijah Goodridge & M^r Joseph Polly Selectmen.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith, & Doc^t Peter Snow Affessors.

It was motioned and seconded to see if the Town will chufe the other two Selectmen to be Affessors. The vote being called for it pass^d in the negative

Voted to let out the Collectorship to the lowest bider as usual.

[128] Voted to chufe Eleven a Committee to let out the Collectorship at vendue at the house of Cap^t Will^m Brown at three oClock this day

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry, Joseph Fox, Doc^t Jonas Marshall M^r Jacob Upton Israel Turner Esq^r Maj^r Marshall M^r Joseph Polly, M^r Paul Wetherbee, M^r Moses Hale, M^r Simeon Farwell & Cap^t Jacob Burnap

Voted to add two this Committee — voted & chose M^r Daniel Wetherbee & M^r Abel Bawldin the above committee to make report at the adjournment

Voted & chose the following persons for highway Surveyors the present year, viz M^r Afa Perry Cornet Elisha Chamberlin, Simeon Farwell, Arrington Gibson, Solomon Carlton, John Mellenger, Joseph Fox, John Carter Man-

field Stearns, John Willard, Elias Macintire, Cap^t Ew^d Du-
rant Daniel Harrifs Ebn^t Hutchinon & Aron Eaton

. Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose W^m Brown, Joseph Willard, John Keep*
Sworn, Eph^t Kimboll Ju^r Calven Mefenger Tho^s Eaton
3rd & Joshua Phillips Hoggreves

Voted & chose Tho^s Hilton & John Smith Firewards

Voted & chose John Mefenger & John Willard
. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose George Wood & Joseph Downs
. Field drivers

Voted & chose Joseph Simons & Timothy Garfield
. Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Jonas Marthall Ju^r . . Pound keeper

Voted & chose Simeon Farwell & Cap^t Tho^s Thurston
. Tythingmen

Voted & chose Jo^s Downs Ju^r
. Surveyor of hoops & Staves

Voted & to pafs over the 3rd article in the warrant
for the present (viz) to know what sum the Town will
raife for the Support of M^r Worcester,

\$500 Voted to raife Five hundred dollars for the Sup-
port of the schools the year Enfuing

Voted that the school money be laid out in the same
way and manner as last year.

Voted to chufe a School Committeeman for each
deftrict,

Voted & chose Cap^t Edw^d Durant, Amos Parce, Joseph
Simons, Eph^t Osborn, David Pratt, Seth Phillips, Benj^a
Kemp, Solomon Carlton, Simeon Shattuck, Amos Ord-
way, Solomon Gibson School Committee

Voted that the Several deftrict be reflicted, each quar-
ter to his own quarter to which he belongs

*The following certificate is affixed to page 128:

Certificate of John Keeps^r being Sworn as a hogreve

Worcester fs July 3 1801 to Joseph Fox town Clerk for the town
of Fitchburg

this Certifies that John Keep Came before me and was Sworn to the
faithfull Difcharge of his Duty as a hogreve for the laid town for one
year from march Laft Daniel Putnam

Voted that the school Committeemen be directed to agree with the Masters and Mistrefes upon the Same printable as last year respecting their being allowed for Saturdays in the afternoon & publick days unless they keep the schools,

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant untill the adjournment (viz) to see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to pay the Towns debts.

£200 for highways & bridges Voted to raise Two hundred pounds to be workt out on the highways and bridges the present year to be workted out the same as last year, and to be allowed for Labour, Cattle Tools & the same as last year

Voted to let out the Poor to the lowest bidder upon the same printfables as last year

Voted to chuse a Committee of Thirteen to let out the Poor at the same time & place as the Collectorship and to make to the Town at the adjournment

Voted & chose Deacon Bontell, Lieu^t Sam^l Phelps, Joseph Downs, David Pratt, Jonas Marshall Ju^r Cap^t Durant, Doc^t Snow, Oliver Brown, Cap^t Tho^s Thurston, Joseph Low, Amos Sheldon, Tho^s French, Joshua Parce a committee for the above purpose

Voted to chuse a committee to Settle with the Treadur and make report at the adjournment

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r Joseph Fox & Israel Turner Esq^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Swine run at Large under the regulation of the Law the present year

Voted to abate Abraham Mace^s rates in the hands of Ezra Ritter for the year 1798 & 1799

Voted to let out the Saxton befinces at vendue to the lowest bidder with regard to taking care of the meeting house to the same Committee as was to let out the Poor & at the same place & time, and make report to y^e Town at adjournment

Voted to chose two Saxtons to take care of the burying Ground

Saxtons— Voted & chose Tho^s French, & Solomon Carlton for the above purpose

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Cap^t W^m Brown at four oClock this afternoon, the meeting accordingly adjourned

The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting oppened

Voted & chose Tho^s French Constable for the year En- fuing

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge Constable for the year Enfuing Constables

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the meeting house on the first munday of April next at four oClock afternoon and the meeting was accordingly adjourned

The Town meet according to adjournment & the meet- ing oppened, & voted to adjourn the meeting to munday the 13th day of April Inf^t at 3 oClock in the afternoon

The Town meet according to adjournment 13th April 1801

The Committees chosen to Settle with Treafurer Let- ting out Collectorship Towns poor &c carried to 3rd & 4 pages from this

Voted to accept the report of the committee to Settle with the Town treafurer which report is carried to 3rd page from this

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to let out the Collectorship & Towns poor &c which report is carried to forth page from this

Voted that the Selectmen see to repairing or building a new the Bridge nigh Maj^t Goodridg^s in the best way and manner they shall think for the Interest of the Town.

Voted that the Selectmen see to repairing the Bridge nigh Cap^t Browns Mills in that way they shall think Most for the Interest of the Town

\$700— Voted to raife Seven hundred dollars to pay the Towns Debts and other Necessary charges

Voted to Accept of M^r Afa Perry & Maj^t John Good- ridge as bondsmen for M^r Tho^s French as Collector on the north side the Town

Voted to accept of Israel Turner Esqr & David Pratt as bondsmen for Mr Abijah Goodridge as Collector on the south side y^e town

The remainder of March meeting carried to 3rd page from this.

[129] Worcester, fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (Seal) the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg of (Seal) Twenty one years of age and upward having a freehold estate within this Commonwealth of the Annual income of Ten Dollars, or an Estate to the value of Two hundred Dollars to meet at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on Munday the sixth day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Govenor, liutenant Govenor, and Senators and Counfellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given Under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty first day of March 1801

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote for Govenor, lieutent Govenor, Senators and Counfellors to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg April 6th 1801 Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the sixth day of April AD 1801 In order to give in their votes for Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators & Counfellors. at the Close of the meeting the votes were as follows (viz)

	Govenor	
For Elbridge Gary Esqr		60
His Exelency Caleb Strong Esqr		35
The Honnob ^l Edw ^d H. Robins		1

Leutenant Governor

For General William Heth	61
The Honab! Edw ^d H. Robins	22
Elbridge Gary Esq ^r	1
The Honob! Sam ^l Phillips	1

Senators and Counfellors

For Col ^o Jonathan Grant 3	For Samuel Jones Esq ^r .	35
Gen ^l John Whiting 38	Salem Town Esq ^r .	24
Edward Bangs Esq ^r 24	Josiah Stearns Esq ^r 35	
Joseph Stone Esq ^r . 29	Daniel Bigelow Esq ^r 9	
Elijah Brigham Esq ^r 26	David Hinshaw Esq ^r 37	
Berzelial Tafts Esq ^r 24		
Thomas Hale Esq ^r 23		

Israel Turner }
 Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Peter Snow }

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[130] Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby Required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town quallified by Law to vote in town meetings
 (viz) Such as pay to one single tax besides the Pool or
 pools a sum eaquel to two thirds of a single poole in said
 Town, on munday the sixth day of April next at two of
 the Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz—

1st To chufe a moderator to Govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will take into confideration
 the contract made with the Reve^d Sam^l Worcester and if
 they think a dissalution of said contract in regard to his
 minesterial office necessary for the peace and harmony of
 said Town, to chufe a committee to inform him and re-
 quest his answer or act any thing theiron respecting his
 difmision they may think propper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will build a chimney in the
 Center school houfe, or act any thing theiron respecting
 building chimneys in the school houfes they may think
 propper

Given under our hands & seals this Twenty first day
of March AD 1801

Reuben Smith }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Joseph Polly }

Fitchburg April 6th 1801

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified
to vote in Town meetings as the law directs to meet at
time and place & for the purpofes within mentioned.

Thomas French Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg affembled on munday the 6th day of April 1801

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow moderator

It was motioned and Seconded to try a vote of the
Town to see who was against M^r Worcester, no vote,

It was motioned and Seconded to know the minds of
the Town whether it would be for their peace and happi-
nefs to difsolve the contract with the Reven^d Samuel Wor-
cester as their Minefter agreable to the Contract made
with him at the time of his Settlement. The vote being
put it pafs^d in the affirmative

Voted to chufe a Committee to inform the Reverend
Sam^l Worcester of the above vote

Voted to chufe five as a Committee for the above pur-
pose

[131] Voted and chofe Cap^t Edward Durant, Israel
Turner Esq^r, M^r Afa Perry Daniel Putnam Esq^r, Doc^t Jo-
nas Marthall and M^r David Boutell in the rome of Daniel
Putnam Esq^r declin^d serving as a Committeeman.

Voted that the Committee make their report at the
may meeting.

Voted to pafs over the 3rd article in the warrant

Voted to difsolve the meeting.

Peter Snow moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Here follows the remainder of the tranfactions of the
March meeting — viz

Voted & chose Mr Thomas French Collector the present year for the North Side Voted & chose Mr Abijah Goodridge Collector the present year for the South Side
 Collectors

Fitchburg March 4th 1801 The Committee appointed to settle with Mr Ebn^r Thurston, Town treafurer find due to the Town as follows (viz)

We find in the hands of Samuel Harris Ju ^r Collector for the year 1798	\$51..62.7
We find in the hands of Ezra Ritter Collector for the years 1798 & 1799	\$134..96.7
We find due from the Estate of David Hodgskin deces ^d	\$46..36.6
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for y ^e year 1799	\$4..67.2
We find in the hands of Ezra Ritter Collector for the year 1800	\$624..06.0
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1800	727..24.0
a note given by the Revend John Payson dated Nov ^r 7 th 1799	\$42..07
Rec ^d March 15 th 1800 \$7..00 Rec ^d June 23 ^r d 1800 \$5.00 Rec ^d Sep ^t 14 th \$4.00 is	16..00

Due besides the Interest . 26 07 . \$26..07.0

a note given by Cap ^t Afaph Goodridge dated Oct ^r . 21 st 1797	\$55..16
Rec ^d Nov ^r 7 th 1799	42.. 6

Due on this note besides the Interest 13..10 . 13..10.0

a note given by Daniel Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	\$36..38
Rec ^d January 8 th 1798 \$2-18 Cents the Interest for one year Rec ^d May 7 th 1800	25..00

Due on this note besides the Interest 11..38 . \$11..38.0

We find in the Treafurers hands a Confession signd by Maj^r John Good-

ridge dated May 13th 1800 & payable on the last of June 1800 . . \$25..15 . \$25..15.0
and promised to pay the Interest from the last day of
June 1800 untill paid

a note against William Small Nov^r
30th 1798 \$10..25
Rec^d March 2nd 1801 6..00

4..25 . \$4..25.0
a note against William Small Nov^r 30th 1798
\$10..25. besides y^c Interest \$10..25.0
a note against M^{rs} Hannah Cowdin Nov^r 30th
1798 \$13..50 besides y^c Interest 13..50.0
a note against Ezra Dana Nov^r 30th 1798
\$19..00 besides the Interest \$19..00.0
carried over

[132] a note against Ezra
Dana Nov^r 30th 1798 \$19..00
Rec^d 13th December 1800 15..50

Due on this note . . 3..50 besides Interest \$3..50.0
a note against Tho^s Eaton Nov^r 30th 1798
\$11..00 besides y^c Int^t \$11..00.0
a note against Peter Snow Nov^r 30th 1798
\$18..17 besides the Interest \$18..17.0
a note against Jonathan Low Nov^r 30th 1798
\$18..17 besides the Interest \$18..17.0
a note against W^m Brown Nov^r 30th 1798
\$4..16 besides the Interest \$4..16.0
a note against W^m Brown Nov^r 30th 1798
\$18..17 besides the Interest \$18..17.0
a note against John Putnam Nov^r 30: 1798
\$12..00 besides the Interest \$12..00.0
a note against Afa Perry Nov^r 30th 1798
\$10..72 besides the Interest \$10..72.0
a note against Jeremi-
ah Kinfman Nov^r
30th 1798 \$15..00
Rec^d 7th May 1800 7..67

Due \$7..33 besides the Interest \$7..33.0

We find an obligation against Ephraim Kimball dated Jan ^y 30 th 1800 the Interest to be paid yearly	\$100..00
We find in the Treafurer's hands which we have settled with the Treafurer for vouchers for money paid the Reverend Sammel Worcester but good against M ^r Worcester	\$82..40
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	\$1996..26.2

We also find the Town of Fitchburg is indebted to Sundry persons as follows (viz)

Notes due to Jonathan Smith	\$247..75
note due to Joseph Fox	406..12
note due to Joseph Fox	96..94
note due to Ebn ^r Thurston on y ^c 12 th March 1801	136..27.1
note due to John & Joseph Farwell	40..00.
Due to M ^{rs} Cowdin & y ^c Pew holder of y ^c old meeting house	135..66.
Will be due to the Revend M ^r Worcester Sep ^t 1801	333..33.
for schooling	500..00
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	\$1896..07.1

Joseph Fox	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
John Thurston Ju ^r		
Ebn ^r Thurston		Town Treafurer.

The committee appointed to let out the Collectorship at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns to the lowest bidder opened the Vendue and proceeded to befinels by feting up the South side of the Town upon the hundred pound, upon the same prinfables as Useal in years past viz, South side of the Town sut up to the lowest, bidder upon the hundred pound and the person who bids it of to bring bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town and was bid of to M^r Abijah Goodridge at Twenty four shillings & three pence

The North side the Town set up to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound and the person who bids it of to bring bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town and bid of to M^r Thomas French at Twenty five shillings.

The Saxtons befines to take care of the meeting houfe set up at Vendue to the lowest bidder to be kept clean and decent and in the winter Season the Snow to be cleaned of the Stones of the meeting houfe doors when Necessary and bid of to M^r Thomas French at nine shillings for the year Afa Perry p^r order.

The committee chosen to let out the Towns Poor at the lowest bidder meet at the houfe of Cap^t William and them that bids them off to be accountable for their behaiver Especially Smith & upton the same as usual or as last year.

Set up Ephraim Smith to the lowest bidder agreeable to the above conditions and bid of to Abijah Goodridge at two shillings & two pence p^r weak.
carried up.

[133] Set up Oliver Upton to the lowest bidder agreeable to the above Conditions and bid of to M^r Reuben Smith at two shillings & Eleven pence per weak.

Set up Mary Wares to the lowest bidder agreeable to the above conditions and bid of to Simeon Farwell for nothing
Samuel Phelps per order
Afa Perry Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: Is: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn
(Seal) verbally the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
(Seal) the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote
(Seal) in Town meetings to assemble on Munday the sixth day of April instant at five of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles viz

- 1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To see if the Town will here and accept the report of the committee appointed to make the propotion of the Sundays for those persons to improve the meeting houfe who are of a defirent denomination from the Reverend Samuel Worcester.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a committee to determine which days those persons who are of a different denomination from the Reverend Samuel Worcester shall improve the meeting houfe or act any thing theiron as they may think propper.

4^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a committee to sell the Towns Land if they can do it to the advantage of the Town or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

5^{ly} To see if the Town will give liberty to the deftrict wherof M^r Timothy Garfield was Survayor the last year to work out the remainder of their last years highway tax which was not worked out on the roads in that deftrict or act any thing theiron they think propper . .

6^{ly} To see if the Town will accept any roads layed out by the Selectmen or others,

hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron, on said day Given under our hands & Seals this Sixth day of April AD 1801

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polly	

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at time and place within mentioned & for the purpose within mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the Sixth day of April 1801.

1 Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was appointed to propotion the Sundays for each denomina-

tion to improve the meeting house which report is as follows

We the Subscribers agreeable to a vote of the Town pafs! on the Second day of March 1801 Authorising us to make the propotion of the Sundays for those persons to improve the meeting house who are of a different denomination from the Rev! Samuel Worcester, beg leave to report as follows (viz)

The Society in the East part of the Town Twenty four Sundays in a year M^r Worcester's Society Seventeen Sundays in a year, The Society in the west part of the Town Eight Sundays in a year. The baptist Society three Sundays in a year

Fitchburg March 21 st 1801	Israel Turner } Reuben Smith } Peter Snow }	} Affsors
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This report was accepted 13th April 1801.

[134] Voted to chufe a committee to point out the perticular Sundays each denomination shall improve the meeting house

Voted to chufe five as a Committee

Voted & chofe Deacon Kindoll Bontell, Israel Turner Esq! Joseph Polly Paul Wetherbee & Samuel Cafwell a committee for the abve purpose

Voted that the Committee furnish each Society with their determination respecting the perticular Sundays each Society is to improve the meeting house

Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 13th day of this Infant April at two oClock afternoon.

13th April 1801 The Town mett according to adjornment.

Voted that M^r Jonas Marhall Jun^r have the fead that is upon the Towns land upon the South side the road it being a part of the land the Town bought of Thomas Boynton for this present year upon the following conditions that the said Marhall see that their is no timber or live Wood cut on any of the Towns lands besides what is already difposed off to the Revend M^r Worcester

Voted that the highway list that was committed to M^r Timothy Garfield the last year as a highway Surveyor

be returned to Cap^t Edw^d Durant Surveyor for the present year for him to See what is not now work^d out to be work^d out in the same district under his directions sum time before the first of July, and if not work^d out by the first of July next what remains then unpaid to be return^d to the affsors, in order to be put into the next Town tax

Town road or private way, laid out as follows—

Laid out in the Town of Fitchburg a Town or private way begining at a small Chesnut Tree about 12 rods South of Samuel Taylors barn thence runing East northerly to a marked logg in the fence thence Easterly to a dry pine Tree in Kendolls Intervel & on to a marked pine East of the Bridge from said Tree a direct Corse to Kindolls sawmill to a marked pine tree, thence a little more north to a Stake in Said Mill yard, thence a Streight Corse to Daniel Harrifs^s fence west of where the road is now trod & as said fence is laid to the old County road & on the same direction to the Turnpike road about 12 rods west of the new Bridge, the road to be two rods wide & to be made South & East of the bounds theirof, the owners of the Land Except Cap^t Ward agreed to give the land provided the road is, fenced out, dated at Fitchburg this Sixth day April 1801. Israel Turner }
Abijah Goodridge } Selectmen

Voted to accept the report for the above described road so far as it is given without any expence to the Town

Voted to disolve this meeting, and the meeting was accordingly disolved
Afa Perry Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[135] Worcester vs To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting
(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said Town, of the Annual income of Ten dollars or an estate to the value of Two hundred Dollars, to meet at the meeting house in said Fitchburg

on munday the eleventh day of May next at two of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of chusing a representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened, and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings on or before said day—Given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this twenty fourth day of April AD. 1801

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote for a representative to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
 Thomas French Constable
 Fitchburg May 11th 1801.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday y^e 11th day of May 1801 in order to chufe a representative

The meeting opened by the Selectmen, and a vote put to see if the Town would send a representative the present year, and it pafs^d in the affirmative

The votes called for counted & sorted and made choice of Joseph Fox for their representative

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Fox	Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting,

(Seal) You are hereby directed in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings
 viz. such as pay to one Single tax tax besides the Pool
 or Pools, a sum equal to two thirds of a single Pole tax,
 to meet and affemble at the meeting house in said Fitch-

burg on munday the Eleventh day of may at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

[136] 2^{ly} To see if the Town will here the report of a committee chosen to wait on the Reve^d Samuel Worcester, who ware to request his anfwer respecting the disolution of the contract made between him and the Town or act any thing theiron they may think propper . . .

3^{ly} To see if the town will do any thing in regard to the Defsalution of the contract made with the Reve^d Samuel Worcester, either by chusing a counfel, if agreed upon, or act any thing respecting his dismission the Town may think propper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings on or before said day given under our hands and Seals this Twenty fourth day of April AD. 1801.

Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and the other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town meetings as the Law directes to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned Thomas French Conftable.

Fitchburg May 11th 1801

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday y^e 11th day of May 1801

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Moderator

Voted to excuse Daniel Putnum Esq^r as Serving as moderator

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted to chuse a committee to consider the anfwer The Reve^d M^r Worcester presented the Town this day respecting his dismission

Voted that the committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Afa Perry, Joseph Fox, Ephraim Kimboll & Daniel Putnam Esq^r

Voted to add four to this committee, viz M^r Paul

Wetherbee, Deacon Boutell, M^r: David Boutell, & Cap^t: William Brown.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour in order for the above committee to make their report to the Town.

The Town meet according to adjournment

The committee that was appointed to confider the answer the Rev^d: M^r: Worcester presented the Town this day respecting his dismission beg lieve to report as follows (viz) We have talked over the matter and cannot at this time make a proper report to his answer but would suggest to the Town that it is our oppinion that the Town chufe a committee to confer with M^r: Worcester with regard to dissolving the contract with him, and his answer, and that the committee make report to the Town at sum future meeting as soon as is convenient.

Voted to accept the above report.

Voted to chufe five as a committee to wait upon M^r: Worcester and confer with him with regard to the contract made with him & the answer he presented the Town this day, and the committee to make their report at sum future meeting as [137] as soon as is convenient.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Israel Turner Esq^r: M^r: Afa Perry M^r: David Boutell and Cap^t: Edward Durant a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for one fortnight from this day at two oClock in the afternoon and the meeting was accordingly adjourned

On munday May 25th 1801 The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened

The committee chosen by the Town of Fitchburg on y^e: 11th day of may 1801 to wait upon the Rev^d: Sam^l: Worcester, in order to confer with him with regard to the contract the Town made with him, and the answer he presented to the Town on y^e: 11th which answer was dated the 9th instant and for their report to be made at sum future meeting, report as follows viz.

The committee chosen by the Town of Fitchburg on the 11th day of May 1801 to wait upon the Rev^d: Sam^l: Worcester in order to confer with him with regard to the

contract the Town made with him, and the answer he presented the Town on y^e 11th which answer was dated the 9th Inst: and for their report to be made at sum future meeting report as follows viz—

That they have waited on M^r Worcester and conversed with him respecting his answer to the Town, and though he chose not to recede from any of the articles he had communicated to the Town yet gave his word that he sincerely wished that a disallution of the contract between the Town and him might take place in an easy, and peacable way, and as soon as it could be done in a regular manner, and that he would represent to the Council that it is his oppinion that it is best for the Town, and for himself, that the contract be dissolved, and M^r Worcester also says he expects no compensation from the Town in consequence of the Contract being dissolved, and your committee are of oppinion that he will abide by what he has promised; and they give it as their oppinion that it is best to accept of his answer and proceed on the beinefs agreeable to his Statement provided the Council sets on the beinefs any time between this day and the middle of August next, But it shall be understood that if a difallution of the contract does not take place on y^e meeting of the Council contemplated, that the Town foregoes no previledge they now pofsefs in consequence of their accepting of M^r Worcester's answer.

Joseph Fox	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
Afa Perry		
David Boutell		
Edward Durant		

Fitchburg May 12th 1801

Voted to accept of M^r Worcester's proposals to the Town respecting his difmision upon the prinfables as stated in the above report.

Voted to chuse a committee to wait upon M^r Worcester and present him a copy of the proceedings of the Town in answer to his propofalls with regard to his difmision and for the committee to lay before the Counfel the contract made with M^r Worcester and the votes of the Town respecting M^r Worcester's Difmision also for the

Committee to provide for the Council when they shall attend upon the befines.

Voted to chuse five as a committee

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r: Doc^t: Peter Snow, Mr Afa Perry, Mr David Bontell and Mr Paul Wetherbee a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the last wednesday of June next at two oClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place, and the meeting was accordingly adjourned

Wednesd^y: 24th June 1801 The Town meet according to adjournment & y^e: meeting opened

Voted to chuse a committee to confer with the Rev^d: Mr Worcester with respect to a disallution of the contract between him & the Town & make their report at sun future meeting.

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Cap^t: Edward Durant, Mr Paul Wetherbee & Mr Reuben Smith to be a committee for the above purpose

voted that the committee make their report at the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second munday in August next at two oClock in the afternoon and the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

[138] On munday the 10th of August 1801 the Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened.

Fitchburg June 27th 1801

We, the Subscribers being chosen a committee to confer with the Rev^d: Sam^l: Worcester with respect to a disallution of the Contract between him & the Town, have attended to that befines and report as follows (viz)

Mr Worcester Says he is not willing to attend to the befines unless it can be in a regular way and Supposes, that we are not in order, and would not tell us any way that he would attend to the matter.

Edward Durant } Committee
Paul Wetherbee }

A Question was moved and Seconded to see if the Town would act upon the Refult of the Council to know

whether they would accept of it or not and it pass^d in the affirmative

a motion was then made to know the minds of the Town whether they would accept of the result of the Council. the vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative.

The result was as follows (viz)

At an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the house of Cap^t W^m Browns in Fitchburg in consequence of letters missive from the Pastor & church of Christ in said Town were present from y^e

Church in	Pastures	Delegates
Ashburnham	John Cushing	{ Mr W ^m Stearns { Mr Joshua Smith Esq ^r
Royalton	Joseph Lee	{ Mr Daniel Bragg
Rindge	Reven ^d s Seth Payson	{ D ⁿ Benj ^a Kingsbury { D ^r Edwrd Jewett Esq ^r
First church in Worcester	Sam ^l Austin	{ D ^r John Chamberlin
Mafon	Ebn ^r Hill	{ Mr Henchman Warren { Mr Noah Winship

The above named Pastures & Deligates formed themselves into a Council by chusing y^e Rev^d Mr Cushing Moderator & Seth Payson Scribe, At the request of the parties adjorned to the meeting house & after seeking divine Direction, attending to the Several Statements & communications by the Rev^d Mr Worcester & the respective Committees of the Church & Town, & solemnly deliberating upon & weighing impartially y^e things offered to our consideration, came to the following Result. (viz)

Although a spirit of Division & Separation appears to have been most unhappily prevalent among the people of Fitchburg in consequence of which y^e situation of their Rev^d Pasture is rendered very uncomfortable, & the prospects of his Usefullness among them greatly impaired, yet taking into view y^e continuing & even increasing attachment of y^e Church to M^r Worcester the Union which subsists among those who have not separated themselves to other Denominations, & the chearfull readines of M^r Wor-

cesters Friends, expressed by the Committee of the Church to submit to y^e increased burden of his Support, we cannot conceive that it will be promotive of y^e interests of Religion [139] in general or the welfare of this particular Society that M^r Worcester's pastoral Relation to them should be dissolved and we feel our—bound to recommend to M^r Worcester that he submit still longer to the inconveniences of his Situation, trusting in that God who can change our darkest prospects, & increase the consolatives of his Suffering Servants in proportion to their Trials, We have not been inattentive to the fair Prospects which invite M^r Worcester's Removal, & the Sacrifice which he is called to make by a compliance with this request, yet, believing that y^e greatest Good in his view is the interest of Religion, we doubt not his ready compliance with what we now unitedly recommend to him as the path of duty. We are not inferable that this result is very different from y^e expectations of many, but we persuade ourselves y^e propriety of it will be obvious to those who take a serious view of the respectable numbers of this Church warmly attached to M^r Worcester and the considerable majority of those yet forming the Congregational Society in this place, who seem desirous of his continuance with them; it being evident from written statements that from the number one hundred & eighty five voters, there are Seventy who have expressly & by name manifested a desire that M^r Worcester should tarry with them, & that fifty two have withdrawn under a compact for the support of Universal Teachers, leaving a remainder of sixty three some of whom are of different denominations, & y^e remainder, at least many of them have not expressed their Sentiments. While we cannot but express our tender Sympathy with y^e Rev^d Pastor of this Church under the weight of so formidable & we think so unreasonable & unchristian an opposition, as exists in this Town to him & his ministry, we are extremely happy to find that he is exonerated, even by y^e united testimony of his opposers from all imputations of irreligious & immoral conduct — that his discharge of the duties of the Christian ministry, has been apparently so

faithfull & so faultless, and that while he has been officially Set for the defence of the Gospell, he has contended so earnestly, & for ought that appears to the Contrary, so discreetly for the Faith once delivered to the Saints, We most earnestly supplicate for him y^e anointings of divine Grace, the Consolatives of habitual Communion with his ever present Redeemer, Such acceptance with the people of this Town as will render his labours extensively usefull, & a happy probation for a triumphant exchange of y^e afflictions of this state of trials, for the Joys of a better world. We are confident that he will not shrink from the faithfull Labours, or be removed from y^e firm & inflexible defence of the glorious Gospel of Christ, to whatever conflicts he may be reduced, in this day of growing Scepticism & enfeidelity, & that he will continue Stedfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, under the strong assurance that his Labour shall not be in vain in the Lord. The Council are extremely happy to find this Church, as a branch of y^e Kingdom of our dear Lord, so apparently establish in the faith, so united, so affectionate, & so faithfull in holding fast the word of Truth, & maintaining y^e all important concern of the disciplinary purity of Christs house. We congratulate them on the pleasing Symtoms of y^e presence of God with them, by which they are influenced to arise & trim their Lamps, & to stand as a part of the Hosts of the Lord, in opposition to that flood of demoralization & error which threatens to inundate y^e Land. We exhort them to put on bowels of mercy towards those whose Efforts ar directed, or which seem to be directed, to weaken their Christian hopes, & to betray them into a dereliction of Gospel Truth, & Gospel Zeal; to be meak and inoffensive in all their ways, & to glorify God in their bodies, & in their spirits which are his.

As the Council cannot discern any Justifiable reason why so considerable a portion of y^e people of this Town should become disaffected to y^e ministry of y^e Rev^d M^r Worcester, as nothing whatever is alledged against his personal Character, or ministerial Respectability, as it is not made evident that y^e currant of his preaching, is the

exhibition of any other doctrines than those, which he was understood to hold at the time of his ordination, & which are established in the Platform of y^e generallity of New England Churches; & the Formula^s of most protestant Churches in Amiraca, & in Europe, we beg of them Seriously to deliberate, whether they can Justify their alienation under the Eye of the Sovereign of y^e World — whether it really promises to issue in the harmony & happiness of y^e Town — in the advancement of true Religion here, or y^e augmentation of any well formed hopes of future Glory. Though it is not the province of the Council to determine any legal Questions respecting any property which is deemed common, & they have no inclination to interfere with any of the civil or religious Rights of any Individuals, or bodies, yet, they beg lieve to Suggest, that they are of opinion that the Church ought not to be denied those accommodations, for the celebration of such ordinary acts of Worship and Duty, as have been considered as assential to its Existance and prosperity from its foundation. The Council cannot give any countenance to those irregular & equivocal measures which appear to have been adopted to strip y^e Church of its Priviledges in this respect & to take from them a pasture apparently so dear to them, we hope that so unhappy a precedent will not be drawn into General indulgance. We beg for the best prosperity of this church & Town, & commend you Brethren & Friends to God & y^e Word of his Grace which is able to build you up, & to give you an Inhariance among all them that are Sanctified.

voted unanimously except that one member of the Council hisatated with respect [140] respect to the expediency of M^r Worcester's continuance in this place

John Cushing Moderator

a true copy

attest Seth Payson scribe

Voted to disolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to no-
(Seal) tify and warn the Inhabitants of Fitchburg Qualli-
fied to vote in Town meetings as the Law directes
to meet and affemble at the New meeting houfe in Fitch-
burg on munday the tenth day of August next at Three
oClock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will raife any Sum of money
to repair the bridges or for any other necessary charges
they may think proper.

3^y To see if the Town will chufe an agent or agents
to attend at the Court of Common pleas to be holden at
Worcester in August next to oppose the report of a view-
ing Committee making certain alterations in the County
roads through the Town of Fitchburg or act any thing
theiron respecting said alterations the Town may think
propper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings theiron on or before said day given under
our hands & seals this Twenty seventh day of July AD.

1801
Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge }

August 10th 1801

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
Inhabitants of said Town Quallified as the Law directes to
vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place and
for the purpofes within mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg affembled on munday the 10th day of Oct^r 1801

Voted & chose Mr Thomas Eaton Moderator

\$300 Voted to raise Three hundred dollars in addi-
tion to what is already voted at sum former meeting to
defray the expence of building and repairing bridges and
other necessary Expences

Voted to chuse an agent to attend the Court of Common pleas to be holden at Worcester at August Term to oppose the report of a viewing Committee making alterations in the County road through the the Town of Fitchburg

Voted to reconsider the last vote respecting chusing an agent to attend the Court of Common pleas at August pleas at August term

Voted to chuse a committee to view the propofed alterations in the County road and make a report the probable expence at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to chuse Three as a committee for the above purpose.

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r. Doc^t. Peter Snow & Joseph Fox.

Voted to add two to the above committee free from from expence.

[141] Voted and chose M^r. Afa Perry & Israel Turner Esq^r.

Voted to excuse Israel Turner Esq^r from serving on the above committee

Voted and chose M^r. Paul Wetherbee in the rome of Israel Turner Esq^r difmised

Voted to excuse M^r. Afa Perry from serving on the above committee

Voted to chuse Cap^t. Edward Durant to serve on the above committee in the rome of M^r. Afa Perry excused.

Voted to adjorn this meeting a fortnight from next wednesday at five oClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place.

August 26th 1801 The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting oppened by the Town Clerk. M^r. Tho^s. Eaton the moderator being absent.

It was motioned and Seconded to chuse Maj^r. Benj^t. Marshall Moderator pro tempore the vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative and he was accordingly chosen

It was motioned and seconded to see if the Town would chuse an agent to oppose the propofed alterations in the County road in Fitchburg at the next Court of

General Sessions of the Peace to be holden in Worcester this present month.

The vote being put it pass'd in the affirmative.

Voted to chuse Israel Turner Esq^r an agent for the above purpose

Voted to excuse Israel Turner Esq^r from serving as an agent.

Voted to chuse M^r Paul Wetherbee an agent for the above purpose

Voted that the agent act diserefanery with regard to opposing the alterations or any part as he shall think propper

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Benj^a Marshall Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
(Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
(Seal) quallified by law to vote in Town meetings (viz)
(Seal) such as pay to one single tax besides the Pool or Pools a sum eaquel to two thirds of a single Poole tax to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of August instant at three oClock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will give to each Society in said Town the Use of the meeting house on Sundays in propotion to the taxes they pay, agreable to a late vote of the town or act any thing theiron respecting the Division of said House they may think proper

Given under our hands and seals this tenth day of August AD 1801

Israel Turner
Reuben Smith
Peter Snow
Joseph Polly
Abijah Goodridge } Selectmen

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in said Town at the time & place & for the purposes above mentioned

Thomas French Constable

Fitchburg August 26th 1801

[142] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 26th day of August 1801

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee moderator

It was moved & Seconded to know the minds of the Town to see if each Society in said Town should have the Use of meeting house on Sundays in propotion to the taxes they pay agreeable to a late vote of the Town

The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative

It was moved & seconded to see if the Town will chuse a committee to Enquire into the number of Regular Christian Constatutational Societies in said Town

The vote being put it pass^d in the Negative

It was motioned and Seconded to dissole this meeting and it was accordly dissolved by vote.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufets to notify and
 (Seal) warn the Inhabitants qualified by law to vote in
 (Seal) Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on tusday the Seventeenth day of November instant at one of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will take into consideration the contract made with the Reve^d Samuel Worcester and act any thing theiron respecting a difallution of said contract as they shall think will be most for the peace and happiness of the Town.

3 To see if the Town will chuse a committee from each party in the Town to confer together, upon the difficulties Subsisting in the Town, and upon a Union of the parties, and also the expediency of the disallottion of the Contract made with the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester, & if necessary to confer with him on the befiness.

4 To see if the Town will do any thing respecting chusing a mutual Council with The Rev^d Sam^l Worcester, or agreeing upon a Council in any other way they may think proper.

5 To see if the Town will dismifs the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester from any further ministerial Services in the Town, & notify him of it, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

6 To see if the Town will raise any money to support publick teachers the Infuing year.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant on or before said day.—given under of hands and Seals this Second day of Nov^r AD. 1801

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Joseph Polly		

[143] Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of the said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings as the Law directs to meet at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg Nov^r 17th 1801. Thomas French Conttable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on tusday the 17th day of Nov^r 1801.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r moderator

A vote was put to see whether the Town will pass over the 2nd article in the warrant and it pass^d in the negative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if it is the minds of the Town that a disallottion of the contract between the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester and the Town be dissolved.

The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will pass over the 3rd article in the warrant. The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will chuse a committee to wait upon The Rev^d Sam^l Worcester in order for them, that is the Committee & M^r Worcester to agree upon a Council in order that a disallowation of the contract between The Town & M^r Worcester take place

The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative.

Voted to chuse five as a committee for the above purpose

Voted & chose Deacon Kendol Boutell, M^r Paul Wetherbee, Joseph Fox Cap^t William Brown, M^r Afa Perry.

Voted to excuse Deacon Kendol Boutell as serving on the above committee as he refused to Serve.

Voted & chose M^r Moses Hale as one of the above committee in the room of Deacon Boutell excused.

Voted to excuse M^r Moses Hale for serving on the above committee as he refused to serve.

Voted & chose M^r Thomas Cowdin as one of the above committee in the room of M^r Hale excused.

Voted to add two more to the above committee

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant & Doc^t Peter Snow to be added to the above committee.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will dismiss the Rev^d Samuel Worcester from any further Ministerial Service in this Town & notify him of it. The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative

Voted to reconsider the last vote.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

[144] The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened.

Voted to take up the 3rd article in the warrant, to act upon it.

It was motioned and seconded to know the minds of the Town whether they would chuse a committee from each party in the Town, to confer together upon the defi-

culties Subsisting in the Town. The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative.

Voted that the Committee consist of nine, three from each party.

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r M^r John Thurston Jun^r & M^r Eph^r Kimboll on the part that consisted of M^r Worcester's friends as was express^d

Joseph Fox, M^r Afa Perry, & M^r Paul Wetherbee, on the part belonging to the east part of the Town. M^r Joseph Polly, M^r Benj^a Herrick & Maj^r Benj^a Marshall on the part that belonged to the west part of the Town.

Voted that the Committee make their report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first munday in December next at one o'clock then to meet at this place. And the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

The Town meet on munday the 7th December according to adjournment & the meeting opened.

The committee of nine appointed by the Town to meet and consult upon the difficulties Subsisting in the Town made their report as follows (viz)

The committee voted that while M^r Worcester was our minister the Town would not be united. Unanimus

Also it was the minds of the committee that if M^r Worcester was dismissed the Town would not be united 5 against 4.

Also that it would be for the peace of the Town, and the interest of the Town and for the Interest of Religion that the contract with m^r Worcester should be dissolved 4 against 3. M^r Polly would not say in the last case nor myself

Daniel Putnam p^r order

Fitchburg Nov^r 27th 1801.

Voted that the report of the committee lie upon the files in the Clerks office.

The committee appointed to confer with M^r Worcester relative to chusing a Council made their report as follows viz.

The committee appointed by the Town of Fitchburg assembled on the 17th Nov^r 1801 by their vote, to wait

upon the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester in order to agree with him upon a council that a difallution of the contract between the Town & M^r Worcester take place, have attended that Service, and make their report as follows (viz)

On the 3rd December 1801, We meet The Rev^d M^r Worcester, and a committee from the Church who we understood was chosen by the Church to assist with M^r Worcester for the purpose expres^d in our Commis^sion. after debating upon the business, M^r Worcester and the committee from the Church informed us that if a Council was to be agreeded upon it altogether belonged to the Minister & Church to agree upon them, And that the Town had no right to a voice in the choice of the Council, And by the explanation of their right, it was not in our power to accomplish the business for which we were appointed, unless the Town was excluded from any choice and give up all right that the Town claimed, which we conceived to be an equal right with M^r Worcester. We strove hard to convince them that the Town in a Joint vote ought to have an Equal voice with M^r Worcester in choosing the Council in the same way that the contract was made, but notwithstanding all we could say upon the Justice & reasonableness of it, Still they say all the right for the choice of a council is in the Minister & the Church. Therefore we could not consent [145] to give up what we supposed was the Towns right, and so our conference ended, excepting the conditions upon which M^r Worcester proposed to submit the matter to the Council, which was handed to the Committee in writing and we shall now communicate to the Town.

Paul Wetherbee p^r order of the Committee.

Here follows the proposals of M^r Worcester.

In consequence of an application of the town of Fitchburg through the medium of a committee, appointed to confer with me, relative to a council for my dismissal I offer the following proposals.

1. A council shall be called in the regular ecclesiastical manner If their can be such an understanding, between the Town, and the Church, as that the choice of the

Council may be Satisfactory to the Town, it will be a circumstance very agreeable to me.

2. To the council it shall be submitted, whether it be expedient for a difmifion to take place; and if it be upon what terms, due regard being had to the contract.

3. If any allegations are to be brought before the council against me, they shall be fairly exhibited to me in writing at least fourteen days prior to the Sefsions of the council, it shall be particularly understood, that I shrink not from the fullest investigation, both of my Sentiments and conduct

Fitchburg 3rd Dec. 1801.

Samuel Worcester.

To M^r Paul Wetherbee chairman of the Committee of the Town.

Voted that the report of the Committee & M^r Worcester's propofals lie upon the files in the Clerks office.

It was motioned & seconded, That this Town have used their endeavours to obtain a mutial Council agreeable to the true intent of the contract entered into between them and the Reve^d Samuel Worcester as exprefs^d in the same contract and being unable to obtain the Same by reason of his declenion & refusal they now declare that they consider the Contract for his Support defolved, and that they have no right to, nor any occasion for his future servifes as a minester, Teacher, or publick Infructor in this Town, and that they have a right to employ any other Preacher or publick Infructor when ever the Town shall think it proper so to do.

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative.

Voted to chuse a committee to notify The Reve^d Samuel Worcester of the above vote, & present him with a copy of the same, that he may govern himself accordingly

Voted that the committee consist of three.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Cap^l Will^m Brown, & M^r Paul Wetherbee a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to raise One hundred & thirty dollars for the purpose of hireing preaching

Voted to defolve this meeting. and the meeting was accordingly difsolved —

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[146] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and (Seal) warn verbally the Inhabitants of the Town of (Seal) Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and affemble at the meeting house on munday the Seventh day of this infant December at three oClock P. M and when meet to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will hire preaching, or act any thing theiron respecting supplying the pulpit the Town may think proper.

3 To see if the Town will give the Saxton any orders respecting opening the meeting house on Sundays, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to sum one of us Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warn,d the Inhabitants as within directed.

Thomas French Constable

Fitchburg December 7th 1801

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the 7th of December 1801

1 Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted to hire preaching

Voted to chuse a committee to hire preaching & supply the pulpit

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee, Joseph Fox, M^r David Boutell a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to add two more to the above committee

Voted & chose Cap^t W^m Brown & M^r Daniel Farwell to be added to the above committee

Voted that the Saxton be directed not to open the meeting house doors upon any Occasion unless, it should

be by the direction of the Selectmen, or the committee chosen to hire preaching to supply the pulpit.

Voted to disolve this meeting. & the meeting was accordingly disolved.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[147] Division of the School money for the year 1801 —

Cap ^t Edward Durant	N ^o 1	\$84..58..4
Amos Parce	N ^o 2	42..68..1
Joseph Simonds	N ^o 3	38..02..4
Ephraim Osborn	N ^o 4	36..48..9
David Pratt	N ^o 5	27..16..0
Jabez Sawyer	N ^o 6	35..93..5
Benj ^a Kemp	N ^o 7	33..36..9
George Wood	N ^o 8	44..23..3
Simeon Shattuck	N ^o 9	55..87..3
Amos Ordway	N ^o 10	64..40..3
Solomon Gibson	N ^o 11	37..24..9

Fitchburg Jan ^y 9 th 1802	Israel Turner	} Selectmen
	Reuben Smith	
	Peter Snow	
	Abijah Goodridge	
	Joseph Polly	

Worester fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachusetts, to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 (Seal) Town quallified by law to vote in Town meetings,
 (Seal) Viz. such as pay to one Single tax besides the Pool
 (Seal) or Pools, a sum equal to two thirds of a single
 Pool tax to meet & affemble at the meeting house on
 munday the first day of March next, at nine of the Clock
 in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz

- 1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2^{ly} To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Trefurer, Selectmen and all other Town offereers as the Law directs, and act any thing respecting chusing Collectors the Town may think proper.

3^y To see if the will raise a sum of money Sufficient to pay the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester for his Services from the 27th day of Sep^r 1801 to December 7th 1801 or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

4^y To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to Supply the Pulpet the enfuing year, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year enfuing year or act any thing thereon they may think propper.

6 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to pay the Towns debts and other necessary charges the year enfuing.

7 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair the Highways & bridges the Enfuing year.

8 To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor the year enfuing or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

9 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with the Town Treadurer.

10 To see if the Town will vote to let the swine to run at Large under the regulation of the Law the present year.

[148] 11^y To see if the Town will chuse a Saxton or Saxtons to take care of the meeting house and burying Ground the year enfuing or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

12 To see if the Town will accept of any road or roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to sum one of us on or before said day. Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of February AD 1802.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polly	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg Febr^y 27th 1802 Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 1st day of March 1802.

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour then to meet at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns

The Town meet according to adjournment & meeting opened.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the meeting house their to meet in five minutes from this time & the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

between 60 & 70 voters present The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk.

Voted & Chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Town Treafurer Town Treafurer

Voted to chufe five Selectmen for the present year, and they to Serve & have pay for no other Services than they had the last year.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith, Doc^t Peter Snow M^r Abijah Goodridge, & M^r Joseph Polley Selectmen Selectmen.

Voted to chufe Three Affsors for the present year

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith & Doc^t Peter Snow Affsors.

Voted to accept the list of the Jurymen as presented by the Selectmen

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the Collectorship and that the committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant, Doc^t Peter Snow, Joseph Fox M^r Afa Perry & Cap^t Allen Hallet. Voted to add two more to the above committee Voted & chose M^r Amos Ordway & M^r David Boutell

. committee to let out the Collectorship

Voted that the Collectorship be let out at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns' at half after three this afternoon and those persons that bid of the Collectorship are to bring two good bonsmen to the acceptance of the Town & the Committee to make their report at the adjournment

[149] Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge, Cap^t Allen Hallet, M^r Amos Parce M^r David Bawldin M^r Solomon Gibson, M^r Phinchas Brown, M^r Jacob Jaquith, Lieut Daniel Putnam Jun^r M^r Levi Farwell, M^r Joseph Polley, M^r Zachariah Sheldin, M^r Joseph Low, M^r Eph^r Osborn, Deacon Ebn^r Thurston & M^r Thomas Eaton highway Surveyors and they to allow the same as last year for Labour &c Highway Surveyors

Voted to Raise two hundred Pounds to repair the highways & bridges the present year

Voted & chose M^r Demon M^r John Farwell Jun^r M^r Joseph Holt Jun^r M^r Jacob Upton, M^r Silvester P. Flint, M^r John Willard, M^r George W. Chaplin M^r Thos Eaton Jun^r M^r Levi Farwell, M^r Benj^a Parker, M^r John Badcock M^r Micah Shattuck, M^r William Brown Jun^r & M^r Moses Jewett Hoggreaves

Voted & chose M^r Thomas Hilton & M^r John Smith

. Firewards

Voted & chose M^r John Willard & M^r William Small

. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose M^r Peter Haskiel & M^r Benj^a Fuller

. Field drivers

Voted & chose M^r Timothy Garfield & M^r Joseph Simonds Sealers of leather

Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Jun^r . . . Pound keeper

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Jun^r & M^r Joseph Simonds Tytheingmen

Voted & chose M^r John R. Kemp

. Surveyors of hoops & Staves

Voted & chose M^r David Macintire Sworn 2nd July 1802 & M^r David Boutell Sworn 2nd July 1802 . . . Fence viewers

Voted to raise Twenty pounds to pay M^r Worcester for his Services as a Minister from the 27 Sep^t to the 7th December last.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester for his Services as a Minister from the 27 Sep^t 1801 to the 7th December last past and that he take his rec^t for the Same.

Voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant for the present

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars for the support of schools the present year

Voted to chuse a committee to lay out the school money in the same way and manner as last year.

Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r Maj^r John Goodridge Deacon John Farwell M^r Joseph Downes M^r Benj^a Fuller M^r Tho^s Cowdin, M^r Amos Sheldin M^r Sam^l Gibson M^r Benj^a Herrick M^r Joseph Farnsworth & M^r Reuben Gibson. School Committee

Voted that each Quarter be restricted to their own quarter.

Voted that the school committeemen be directed to agree with the Masters & Mistresses upon the same prin-sables as last year respecting their being allowed for Sat-terdays in the afternoons and on publick days unless they keep the schools.

Voted to pafs over the 7th article in the warrant for the present

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the Poor as usual in years past.

Voted that the committee consist of Nine.

Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge, M^r Joseph Polley M^r Jacob Gibson, Cap^t James Cowdin M^r Aaron Eaton M^r David Macintire M^r Benj^a Fuller, M^r Tho^s French & M^r Daniel Farwell

Voted that the committee proceed upon the befiness at four OClock this afternoon at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns and make their report at the adjournment

Voted to chuse a committee to Settle with the Town Treafurer and they to make report at the adjournment.

Voted to chuse three as a committee

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Israel Turner Esq^r & Doc^t Peter Snow a committee for the above purpose

. Committee to settle with y^e Treafurer

Voted that the Swine go at large under the regulation of the Law the present year

Voted to let out the Saxton befiness by way of Vendue at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns at four oClock this afternoon

Voted that the Committee consist of three

[150] Voted & chose Mr Jonas Marshall Junr Mr Abijah Goodridge & Mr Verian Daniels to a committee for the above purpose and make their report at the adjournment

Voted to be adjorn this meeting for one fortnight from this time, at one OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place

March 15th 1802.

The town meet according to adjournment and the meeting oppened.

Voted to pafs over the fourth article for the present.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee that was chosen to settle with the Treadurer, which report is as follows Viz

Fitchburg March 11th 1802

We the Subferibers a committee to settle with the Town Treadurer find in the hands of the Collectors & others (viz)

We find in the hand of Ezra Ritter	\$25..53 —
We find an obligation in the Treadurers hands against Ephraim Kimboll dated Jan ^y 30 th 1800 Interest to be paid Annually for \$100. One years Interest paid	100..00
One note against John Putnam dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest	12..00
One note against William Brown dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	18..17
One note against William Brown dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	4..16
One note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	3..50
One note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	19..00
One note against William Small dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest	10..25

One note against William Small dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	4..25
We find in the hands of the Treafurer a Confession signd by Maj ^r John Goodridge dated May 13 th 1800 for	25..15
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1801 Town Rate . . .	592..14
We find in the hands of Thomas French Collector for the year 1801 Town Rate . . .	339..80
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1801 tax to supply the Pulpet	81..48
We find in the hands of Thomas French Collector for the year 1801 tax to supply the Pulpet	57..56
We find in the Treafurers hands not accounted for	171..94..3
[151] We find the Town of Fitchburg indebted to sundry persons viz	
Jonathan Smith besides the Interest	\$217..59
Notes due to Joseph Fox besides the Interest	503..06
To the Widow Hannah Cowdin it being her due towards the old meeting houfe besides what she has rec ^d	14..79
Due to the Pew Holders in the old meeting houfe	67..83
Due to the Rev ^d Sam ^l Worcester for his Services as a Minefter for the 27 th Sep ^r 1801 to 7 th December	64..83
Errors Excepted	Joseph Fox Israel Turner Peter Snow } Committee
	Paul Wetherbee Town Treafurer

Voted to accept of the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town treafurer as reported above.

Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to pay the Towns Debts & necessary charges

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the poor which is as follows (viz) . . .

This may certify that the Committee has attended to the befinefs of Selling the Towns poor, and have sold them as follows Viz.

To Silvester P. Flint — Oliver Upton at 1/4 p^r weak.

To David Macintire — Eph^r Smith at 2/8 p^r weak.

To Jacob Upton Molly Wares said Upton to pay to the Town 2/2 for the year

John Goodridge	}	Committee
James Cowdin		
Joseph Polley		
Benj ^a Fuller		
Jacob Gibson		
Daniel Farwell Ju ^r		
David Macintire	}	

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Saxton befinefs viz the meeting house and burying ground which report is as follows (viz

The committee appointed to let out the Collectors befinefs have attended that Service and let out the Saxton befinefs to Thomas French at One dollar & Seventy Cents
Jonas Marshall Ju^r p^r order

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Collector befinefs which report is as follows viz

March 1st 1802 The committee chosen by the Town for the purpose of leting out the Collectorship, have attended to the befinefs and report as follows (viz)

Set up the South side of the Town and Struck of to Thomas French at \$1..15 Cents on the hundred Dollars.

Set up the North Side of the Town and Struck of to Thomas French at \$1..10 Cents on the hundred dollars.

Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee

Voted to accept of M^r Blaney Phillips, & M^r Paul Wetherbee as bonsman for the Collector befinefs for the whole Town.

Voted & chose M^r Thomas French Collector for the whole Town the present year Collector

[152] Voted & chose M^r Thomas French Constable
. Constable

Voted to disolve this meeting, and the meeting was
accordingly disolved

Afa Perry Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Constable of the
Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg of twenty one years of age & upwards, hav-
ing a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of
the annual income of Ten dollars or an Estate to the value
of Two hundred dollars to meet at the meeting house on
munday the fifth day of April next at one of the Clock in
the afternoon, to give in their votes for Governor, Leuten-
ant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the
Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
nineteenth day of March AD 1802. Hereof fail not and
make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on
or before said day.

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }
Abijah Goodridge }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein exprest to
assamble at the time & place and for the purpose within
Mentioned.

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg asssembled on munday y^e 5th day of April 1802
being the first munday in said month for the purpose of
chusing a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Counsellors

The meeting oppened and the Votes called for in order,
counted and Sorted, and declaration made as follows viz—

Govenor

For His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq^r 70
 Elbridge Gary Esq^r 72
 General Will^m Heath 1
 The Hon. Edw^d H. Robins Esq^t 1

Leu^t Govenor

For The Hon. Edward H. Robins 64
 Gen^l William Heath 68

[153] Senators and Counfellors

For The Hono^l Elijah Brigham Esq^t 59
 The Hon^l Salem Town Esq^t 60
 The Hon^l Thomas Hale Esq^t 60
 The Hon^l Berzelial Tafts Esq^r 60
 The Hon^l Daniel Bigelow Esq^r 60
 For Gen^l John Whiting 60
 Pliney Mirick Esq^r 60
 Edward Bangs Esq^r 60
 Mofes White Esq^r 60
 Sam^l Jones Esq^r 60

Israel Turner }
 Peter Snow } Selectmen
 Joseph Polly }
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Constable of the
 Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the free holders and other Inhabitants quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on monday the fifth day of April next at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2nd To see if the Town will defray the expence of the Council convened at Cap^t W^m Browns on the sixteenth day of March Instant or act any thing thereon they may think proper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of any roads layed out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing thereon they may think proper. . . .

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of March AD 1802

Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge }

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expressed to asemble at the time & place and for the purpose within mention. Thomas French Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the 5th day of April 1802.

Voted & chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r moderator

Voted to pafs over the 2nd article in the warrant

Voted to Accept the report of A road as it is laid out by the Selectmen for the benefit of Solomon Gibson which report and discription of the road is as follows — viz

over

[154] We the Subscribers have lay^d out a Town road begining opefite to Solomon Gibsons house, from thence on M^r Jacob Gibsons line, till it comes to his corner oposite M^r Chase's land, thence on M^r Chase's line to the road leading to Ashby. said road is laid out two rods wide, said Land is all on said Solomon Gibsons land, and laid out for his benifit & given by him.

Peter Snow }
Abijah Goodridge } Selectmen

Fitchburg Sep^r 16th 1801

Voted to accept the report of A road with the amendment as it is laid out by the Selectmen for the benifit of Timothy Batchelor which report is as follows (viz)

The Subscribers by request of M^r Timothy Batchelor have laid out a bridle road one rod wide on land of M^r Amos Lawrence, and is bounded as follows (Viz) begining

at the Town road leading to Ashby at an old chesnut Stump, Just within M^r Lawrences fence, from thence a strait line to a small white Oak tree marked, thence to a small chesnut tree marked, thence to M^r Batchelors Stone wall, Where it Joins the wall between M^r Larence & M^r Batcheldor and have apprised the damage at \$10..00

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Fitchburg December 23rd 1801

N. B. the marked trees on the East side of the road.

The Subscribers further report that M^r Batcheldor indemnify the Town from all expences that may accrew in confeqence of said road, and that M^r Batcheldor erect and maintain two gates or bars, one at each End of the road; and if M^r Lawrance make any fences acrofs said road he shall erect gates or bars at his own expence which shall be convenient for said Batcheldor to use in pafsing & repafsing

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Fitchburg April 5th 1802

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[155] Worefter fs. To Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the male Inhabitants of said Town being
(Seal) twenty one years of age, and refident in said Town
(Seal) for the Space of One year next preceeding having a
freehold Eftate within said Town of the Annual
income of Ten dollars, or any eftate to the value of Two
hundred dollars to meet at the meeting houfe in said
Fitchburg on Friday the fourteenth day of may next at
two of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of chufing a
representative to represent them at the General court ap-
pointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last
Wednesday of may next.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day. Given under our hands and Seals this Twenty ninth day of April AD 1802.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Joseph Polley		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on friday ye 14th day of May 1802 for the purpose of chusing a representative

The meeting oppened.

Voted not to Send a representative the present year to represent the Town at the General Court.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Abijah Goodridge		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualli-
(Seal) fied by Law to vote in Town meeting, verbally, to
(Seal) meet and asemble at the meeting houfe in said
(Seal) Fitchburg on the thirty first day of may Instent at six of the Clock in the afternoon, and when met to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will chufe a committee to settle with the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester in regard to his back arrearages, or act any thing theiron the Town may think propper.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe an agent or agents to obtain a discontinuance of a road lately laid out by a Courts committee round Leitches hill (so called)

[156] Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us on said day. given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this thirty first day of May 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polly	

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as within directed to meet at time and place as within directed
Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 31st day of May 1802.

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted to chuse a committee to make a Settlement with the Reverend Samuel Worcester with regard to his back Arrearages and make their report as soon as soon as is convenient.

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose David Boutell, Joseph Fox, Cap^t Edward Durant, Cap^t Will^m Brown & M^r John Thurston Ju^r

Voted to adjorn this meeting for a Quarter of an hour.

The Town met according to adjournment

Voted to accept of the Propofision that M^r Worcester made this day by letter to the Town through the Selectmen with regard to a Settlement for the Arrearages due him for his Support.

Voted to ehufe a committee for the above purpose and the Committee to be authorised to make a Settlement in behalf of the Town

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee, Joseph Fox & M^r David Boutell be the Committee for the purpose of making a Settlement with the Reverend Samuel Worcester and take a discharge agreeable to his Propofision and make their report at sum future meeting.

Voted to chuse an agent to go to Worcester to obtain a discontinuance of a road lately laid out by a courts committee round Leitches hill (so called)

Voted to chuse Israel Turner Esq^r an agent for the above purpose

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[157] To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) you are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of
(Seal) said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town
(Seal) meetings to meet and afsemble at the meeting houfe
in said Town on munday the thirty first day of
May infant at one of the Clock P. M. to act on the fol-
lowing articles Viz.

1 To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see what method the Town will take to make the New county road lately laid out from Eph^r Kimboll Ju^r to Joseph Pollys, or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

3 To see if the Town will Sell the Land belonging to the Town lying on the South side of the road adjoining to Jonas Marshall Ju^r or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper

4 To see if the Town will purchase another burying Cloath or Cloaths for the west part of the Town or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

5 To see if the Town will excufe the Committee chosen the Seventh of December 1801 to hire publick Teachers from any further Service or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

6 To see what Ufe the Town will appropriate their meeting houfe too the present year and Act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

7 To see if the Town will raife any money to Supply the pulpit the enfuing Season and chufe a committee for that purpose or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

8 To see if the Town will oppose the eftablishing the

proposed alteration in the County road from Maj^r John Goodridge to Leominster line, or act anything therein they think proper

9 To see if the Town will comply with the request of the Committee of the Town of Westminster respecting a Division of the County or act any thing the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings therein on or before said day, Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of may AD. 1802.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polley	}

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expres^d to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned. Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 31st may 1802

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator.

Voted to pass over the 2nd article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the 3rd article in the warrant respecting Selling sum of the Towns land

Voted to chuse a committee to provide burying Cloaths for each part of the Town.

Voted to chuse three as a Committee to provide burying Cloaths for each part of the Town, and they to report the expence to the Town for allowance.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Joseph Polley & Ephraim Kimboll a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to dismis the Committee chosen the Seventh day of December 1801 to hire publick teachers from any further Service.

Voted to chuse a committee to consider the 6th article in the warrant and report to the Town as soon as may be

Voted that the Committee consist of Seven.

[158] Voted and chose Sannel Gibson, Abraham Willard, Joseph Fox David Boutell Cap^t William Brown, John Thurston Ju^r & Daniel Putnam Esq^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for half an hour then to meet at this place

The Town met according to adjournment and the meeting opened.

The Committee appointed to consider the 6th article in the warrant have attended to the befiness and beg leave to report (viz) that the befiness of this meeting be omitted untill another meeting be warned by verbal warning and a committee chosen for the purpose of Setling with M^r Worcester, and untill they make their report to the Town.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

And then, after another meeting was warnd by the Constables by verbal warning. The Town voted to adjourn this meeting untill half after six oClock this day then to meet at this place

The Town met according to adjournment.

Voted that each denomination in the Town be intitled to improve the meeting house on Sundays in propotion to the taxes they pay,

And on all Sundays when any denomination that is intitled to the meeting house do not wish to improve it and M^r Worcester's adhereants apply to them, and they consent that M^r Worcester's adhereants improve it the Town has no objections.

Voted to chuse a committee to propotion the Sundays for each denomination to improve the meeting house on Sundays in propotion to their taxes

Voted that the Committee consist of five.

Voted & chose M^r Reuben Smith, M^r John Thurston Ju^r Doc^t Peter Snow Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Samuel Gibson, to be a committee for the above purpose and to make their report.

Voted to pass over the 7th article in the warrant.

Voted that Israel Turner Esq^r be an agent for the Town to oppose the Establishing the proposed alteration in the County road from Maj^r John Goodridges to Leominster line.

Voted to comply with the request of a Committee of the Town of Westminster respecting a Division of the County for chusing an Agent or agents to attend at Gardner for the purpose exprefs^d in y^e request, providing their is no Expence to the Town for the Agent or agents that shall attend.

Voted & chose Deacon Kendol Boutell, & Cap^t William Brown agents for the above purpose and they to make their report at sum future meeting.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[159] Worcester: fs: To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and afsemble at the meeting houfe in said Fitchburg on thursday the Seventeenth day of June instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon, and when met to act on the following Articles (viz.).

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will raise Money to Settle the Arcarages due to the Reve^d Sam^l Worcester agreeable to a Settlement made with him by a committee chose by the Town for that purpose

3 To see if the Town will raise any money to Supply the Pulpit or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day given under our hands this first day of June AD. 1802.

Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town quallified as theirin Expresed to affemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned
Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the 17th day of June 1802 —

1 Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted to raise One hundred and fifty nine dollars & eighty one Cents to settle the Arrearages due to the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester agreeable to a Settlement made with him by a committee chosen for that purpose on the 31st day of May 1802, that sum together with twenty pounds that has ben raised at sum former meeting makes up the full Sum due him from y^e 17th Sep^r last untill the 1st June Instant at the time the committee made a Settlement with him & took his rec^t.

Voted not to raise any money to Supply the Pulpit the present year

Voted to difsolve this meeting

the meeting was accordingly difsolved

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[160] Here follows a copy of a letter M^r Worcester handed in to the Town in which is the ground work of a Settlement made with him, and likewise a copy of M^r Worcesters rec^t to the Town for his Support untill the 1st June 1802 and forever.

Fitchburg 31st May, 1802

Gentlemen

As a majority of this Town have for sum time past manifested a wish that their contract with me for my Support might be difsolved as it is thought it may conduce to the peace and harmony of the Town, should a tax upon the Town for my Support be in future dispensed with — and as a plan is now in progrefs making permanent provision for my Support without an afsesment upon the Town: — I now declare to you, and through you as the regular channel, to the Town of Fitchburg, that, provided the Town still think it best, I am willing to relinquish on my part, the Original contract for my support; and to accept in lieu of what was therein Stipulated for my Support, such provision as may otherwise be made for

the same purpose, and I propose and consent, that, from and after the day, on which the Town shall regularly notify me of their acceptance of this proposal, my present contract with the Town so far as it relates to my support, shall cease to be in force, And with a view to prevent any future contention or litigation, and Amicably to adjust, as far as possible, all differences and disputes, I beg leave respectfully to suggest whether it may not be advisable for a committee to be appointed on the part of the Town to arrange and Settle with me respecting Arrearages which may be due; fully persuaded that should such a measure be adopted, no considerable difficulty would attend an amicable and final adjustment, this letter you will be pleased to communicate to the Town as soon as convenient.

with great respect, I am Gentlemen your very humble
Serv^t Samuel Worcester
To the Gentlemen Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg.

Fitchburg 1st June 1802 Received of Messrs Paul Wetherbee Joseph Fox, and David Boutell, Committee appointed to make a Settlement with me in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg, the Sum of One hundred and Ninety six dollars, and forty eight cents, in full of all Arrearages due to me from said town, as a minister or religious instructor, And I do hereby declare my consent to relinquish, and do wholly and forever relinquish the contract made with me by the said Town for my Support.

Attest Sam^l Scolley Samuel Worcester

The above is a true copy of Mr Worcester's letter & his Recp^t
attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[161] Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting
(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Town on munday the

twenty third day of August instant at Four of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town is willing that the Rev^d Mr Worcester should be continued with the Petitioners to the General Court for an incorporation for the management of a fund for the Support of the said Mr Worcester with such others as shall here after join with them upon condition that those who are not willing to contribute to his the said Mr Worcesters support, be for ever excluded from that burden, or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before Said day, given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this ninth day of August AD. 1802

Reuben Smith }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Joseph Polley }

Gentlemen Selectmen I have rec^d a warrant from you dated August the 9th instant but I did not receive it till the 10th of this instant at about nine of the Clock, A. M. by the hand of Mr Thomas Eaton, and I put it up about Eleven oClock, A. M. Sirs I cannot make a return in the Useal form; for the Law says a warrant shall stand fourteen days, but this stands but about thirteen days.

Thomas French Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the 23rd August 1802 —

1 Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted to disolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worester. fs To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of said
Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings
to meet and affemble at the meeting houfe on munday the

23rd day of August instant at one of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting
 2 To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to hire preaching, and chuse a committee for that purpose or act any thing respecting supplying the pulpet they think propper.

3 To see what method the Town will take to defend the Action commenced against the the Town by John Putnam or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

[162] 4 To see if the Town will allow Joseph Fox Esq^f highway Surveyor for the year 1801 to work out the remainder of his list on the road or common, or act any thing theiron they may think propper.

5 To see if the Town will refund to all those persons that were exempted from minesterial taxes by certificates their propotion of the expences of the Rev^d M^r Worcester's ordination, and the expence of the Council in June 1801 or act any thing theiron they think propper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day, given under our hands & Seals this Sixth day of August AD. 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polley	

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place for the purpofes within mentioned.

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 23rd day of August 1802

1 Voted and chose Doe^t Peter Snow Moderator
 Voted not to Raise any money to hire preaching
 Voted to chuse three Agents, they or either of them to defend the action commineed against the Town by John Putnam of Dracut, either by defending the action at

Court, or Submitting it to a rule, or Setling it in a private way as they shall think best.

Voted to chuse three Agents for the above purpose

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Doc^t Jonas Marshall, & Mr Reuben Smith agents for the above purpose.

Voted to lay out the work remaining due on Joseph Fox list of highway taxes for the year 1801 on the Hill West of Eph^r Kimboll J^r in the middle Distriet.

Voted that Cap^t Allen Hallet be requested to take y^e list of highway taxes that Joseph Fox had in his hands as highway Surveyor for the year 1801 and See that [163] that the remaining taxes are worked out on the hill West of Eph^r Kimboll Jur^s which is in the middle distriet and make return of his doings to the affsors at the time he is directed to return his list so that if their should be any deficient they may be put into the next town tax.

Voted to chuse the affsors a committee to look into, and confider the 5th article in the warrant and make their report to the Town at sum future meeting.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for one fortnight from this day at two oClock in the afternoon.

Sep^t 6th 1802 The Town meet according to adjornment and the meeting oppened.

The Affsors as a committee after looking into and confidering the 5th article in the warrant made their report as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers a committee chosen by the Town to take into consideration the fifth article of the Warrant of the meeting respecting those that were exempted from Minesterial Taxes at the time of M^r Worcester's ordination to be reimbused their propotion of said expence and likewise the expence of the Council in June 1801 and to report at sum future meeting have attended the befiness and beg leave to report (viz) That on examining the Valuation and making the propotion for M^r Abraham Willard & M^r Joseph Polley, by working each case by the Rule of three find M^r Willards part to be Seventy One Cents, and M^r Joseph Polleys Sixty four Cents, and confidering every

circumstances It will take considerable time to make accurate calculations; and that their are a number more which the fifth Article in the Warrant does not comprehend, who will naturally come in for claims, do fully recommend Mr Willards motion at the last meeting which was, that the parties to give up all their demands of this kind provided the Town will give them assurance that they shall not be taxed in future for any ministerial expences

Sep^r 6th 1802

Israel Turner	} Committee
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Voted to accept the above report.

Voted to disolve this meeting,

and the meeting was accordingly disolved

Peter Snow Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester: fs: To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(Seal) you are hereby directed in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
 (Seal) qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to
 meet and assemble at the meeting house in Said
 Town on munday the eleventh day of Oct^r next at One of
 the Clock P. M to act on the following articles (viz,)

1st To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2ⁿ To see if the Town is willing the Church of Christ together with such others as shall hereafter Join with them in making choice of a Gospell minester in this place upon condition, that they take upon themselves the burden of his support, and such others as are not willing to contribute to his support be [164] be forever excluded from that burden or act any thing theiron the Town may think propper.

3 To see if the Town will chuse a committee with directions to confer together, in order to form a Union & hire preaching: or act any thing theiron they may think propper.

4 To see if the Town will raise a Sum of money to hire preaching: or act any thing theiron they think proper.

5 To see if the Town will build a bridge over the brook between M^r Benj^a Smiths and M^r Stephen Thurs- tons, or act any thing theiron they may think proper

6 To see if the Town will make any alteration in the road from Phinehas Allens, to Abraham Farwells land for the better accomedation of the traveling, or act any thing theiron they may think propper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty first day of Sep^r: AD 1802

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Joseph Polley		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled on munday y^e 11th Oct^r: 1802 —

Voted & chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r: Moderator

Voted to pafs over the second article in the warrant

Voted to chuse a Committee with directions to confer together in order to form a Union, and that the Commit- tee report to the Town in half an hour.

Voted that the Committee consist of Eight

Voted & chose Deacon Kendol Boutell, M^r: Eph^r: Kim- boll M^r: John Thurston Jun^r: M^r: Moses Hale, Cap^t: Edward Durant M^r: David Boutell M^r: Paul Wetherbee & M^r: Tim^o: Garfield

Voted to add Daniel Putnam Esq^r: to the above Com- mittee

Voted & chose M^r: Joseph Polley Moderator Pro tem

Voted to adjorn this meeting for ten minutes then to meet at this place.

[165] The Town meet according to adjournment

Voted to take up the fifth article in the warrant

Voted to take up the Sixth article in the warrant in connection with the 5th article.

Voted to chuse a committee to view the proposed alteration in the road as proposed in the 6th article in the warrant

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted that the five Selectmen be the committee for the above purpose and they to make report at the adjournment.

Voted to take up the 3rd article in the warrant and here the report of the Committee which was chosen for that purpose and was to report in half an hour

The Committee reported as follows—viz—It is agreed by the Committee to recommend to the Town

1st That this meeting be adjourned to the first munday of November next at one oClock P. M.

2^{ly} that at the meeting on adjournment we advise to raise a sum of money Sufficient to hire preaching untill the 2nd Saboth in March next.

3^{ly} To have every man who is unwilling to be taxed to pay money to hire preaching bring in his name to the Town Clerk previous to the adjournment, & shall be exempt from Ministerial taxation

4th That a committee be chosen of equal numbers from each party forming the Congregational Society to hire preaching, and that all those which are exempt from payment of ministerial tax shall be excluded from the said Committee

By order of the Committee

Kendol Boutel Chairman

Oct^r 11th 1802.

Voted to accept the above report.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first munday of November next at One OClock P. M.

On munday y^e 1st Nov^r 1802 The Town meet according to adjournment & y^e meeting oppened

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town would raise a sum of money to hire preaching untill the

2nd Sunday in March next, The vote was tryed by divid-
ing the houe, & it pafs in the Negative

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was
appointed to view the road from Phinchas Allens to
Abraham Farwells which report is as follows viz

Agreable to a vote of the Town we have viewed the
proposed Alteration as directed and beg leave to report
(Viz) that it is our Opinion that it was best to wait till
it was known whether the New alteration in the County
road from M^r Eph^r Kimbolls Ju^r to M^r Hartwells should
take place or not, as the people may be Accommedated
better that way than any other way

Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee
Fitchburg Nov^r 1st 1802.

Voted to difsole this meeting.

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[166] Worcester, fs. To Thomas French Conftable of
the Town of Town Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachusetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town being
twenty one years of Age, and refident in said town
being twenty one years of age, and refident in said Town
for the Space of One year next proceeding having a free-
hold eftate within said town of the Annual income of ten
dollars, or any Eftate to the value of two hundred dollars,
to meet at the meeting houe on Munday the first day of
November next at three of the Clock P. M. for the pur-
pose of chufing a Representative to reprezent them in the
Congrefs of the United States to be convened at the City
of Washington on the forth day of March next. Hereof
fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of
us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
Sixteenth day of October AD 1802

Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge }

Persuant to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the Male inhabitants of the Town being twenty one years old & upwards to meet at the Time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Munday y^e 1st Nov^r 1802 for the purpose of chusing a Representative to Congress for the North Worcester District

The votes called for counted & Sorted and was as follows Viz.

For William Stedman Esq^r . . . 55

For Gen^l John Whiting 64

Voted to disolve this meeting.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Joseph Polley		
Joseph Fox		Town Clerk

[167] Worcester ss. To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet & assemble at the meeting house in Said Town on Munday the first day of November next at four of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles Viz. . . .

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To See if the Town will raise Three hundred dollars to be laid out towards finishing the meeting house in the west part of the Town, on condition that the Societies in the West part of the Town, relinquish their right of bringing a teacher into the Towns meeting house or act any thing thereon they may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us on or before said day given under our

hands & Seals at Fitchburg this eighteenth day of Oct:
AD. 1802

Reuben Smith }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Joseph Polley }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place and when meet to act on the articles within mentioned
Thos French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 1st Nov^r 1802

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow Moderator

Voted to chuse a committee to look into the 2nd article in the warrant, and they to make their report what is adviseable to be done respecting said article at Sum future meeting.

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant, Daniel Putnam Esq^r M^r Eph^r Kimboll Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Abijah Goodridge a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Peter Snow Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[168] Worcester fs. To Thomas French Conftable of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the Name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Fitchburg Qualified to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting houfe in Fitchburg on Monday the 29th day of Nov^r Infant at two of the Clock in the afternoon and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to hire Preaching which sum to be affeled on the Pooles and Estates of all the Inhabitants of the Town Excepting all

those that has been heretofore Cleared by Certificate, or act any thing thereon the Town shall think proper, Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day given under our hands this Eleventh day of Nov^r AD 1802

Israel Turner }
 Peter Snow } Selectmen
 Abijah Goodridge }

Persuant to the within warant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on munday y^e 29th Nov^r 1802

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted to raise money to hire preaching

Voted to raise Two hundred dollars to hire preaching

Voted to chuse a Committee of five to lay out the two hundred dollars for preaching.

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Richardson [*M^r Moses Hale] ^{Excused} M^r David Boutell [*Deacon Kendal Boutell] ^{Excused} Cap^t Edward Durant M^r Paul Wetherbee & Daniel Putnam Esq^r a committee for the above purpose

Voted to difsolve this meeting, the meeting was accordingly Difsolved

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[169] A Divifion of the school money made by the Subfcribers agreeable to a vote of the Town.

School Committeemen for the year 1802

Jonas Marshall Jun ^r	N ^o 1	\$ 92..64..7
John Goodridge	2	. 47..05..8
John Farwell	3	. 40..44..2

*These names are canceled in the original.

Joseph Downe	4	. 36..76..5
Benj ^a Fuller	5	. 25..00..0
Thomas Cowdin	6	. 30..88..2
Amos Shelden	7	. 33..82..4
Samuel Gibson	8	. 39..70..6
Benj ^a Herrick	9	. 58..08..8
Joseph Farnfworth	10	. 60..29..4
Reuben Gibson	11	. 35..29..4

\$500..00..0

Fitchburg Decemb^r. 8th 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polley	

Worcester, fs To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet & assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Friday the Twenty first day of January instant at Two of the Clock. P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will give up the County road from Westminster line to the Turnpike road near Wards Mill to certain Petitioners, Mirick Rice and others, who have Petitioned for a previledge to make a turnpike road from Hampshire line thro Winchendon, and Ashburnham, to meet the other turnpike road near said Mills or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us, on or before said day. Given under our hands & Seals this Seventh day of January AD. 1803

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

[170] Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on Friday the 21st Janury 1803.

Voted & chose Cap^t William Brown Moderator

Voted that the Town are willing that a Turnpike road should be made on the road leading from the Guide post west of Wards Mill through Fitchburg on the road leading to Ashburnham

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

the meeting was accordingly difsolved

William Brown Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worefter, fs. To Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts, to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 (Seal) Town qualified by law to vote in Town meeting
 (Seal) to meet and Affemble at the Meeting houfe in said
 (Seal) Town on munday the Seventh day of March next
 at two of the Clock P. M. to act on the following articles
 (Viz).—

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will refund to all those persons who adherared to The Reve^d Samuel Worcester as their minester, and paid him untill he was regarly difmifed, all the money they paid towards a tax, which was granted for to pay for preaching on the seventh day of December 1801 or act any thing theiron they shall think proper.

3 To see what order the Town will take with the last grant of the Town for the Sum of Two hundred Dollars to pay for preaching now in the Collectors Hands.

4 To see if the Town will appropriate the Meeting

house for the Use of the Church & regular Congregational Society for the future, or act any thing theiron as they shall think most the peace and interest of the Town, excepting the right to the Univarfa Society in the West part of the Town, and the Baptists

5 To see if the Town will chuse a Deligate at Gardner agreable to request, or act any thing theiron they shall think propper

6 To see if the Town will refund to all in the west part of the Town, that are now Certificated all the money they have paid towards building the Towns meeting houfe on conditions that they relinquish their right of bringing their Teachers into to Towns meeting house on Sundays or act any thing theiron they may think propper

[171] Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doing theiron on or before said day. Given under our hands and seals this Sixteenth day of February AD 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polley	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting, to meet at the time and place within mentioned Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the 7th day of March 1803.

Voted & chose M^r. Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted not to refund to those persons who adheard to the Rev^d M^r. Worcester as their minester, as requested in the 2nd article in the warrant.

Voted to pafs over the 3rd article in the warrant.

Two motions was presented to the Moderator at one and the same time, A, dispute took place to know which should be acted upon, The Town Voted not to act upon either, which votes was worded as follows, (viz)

One of the motions was as follows (viz) I motion that the fourth article be pafs^d over. Signd by Edward Durant & seconded by Jonas Marhall Ju^r: this motion was in writing.

the other Motion was as follows (viz) It is moved and seconded that in future the Regular Congregational Church in this place and those adhering to them and afsociated with them in the publick worship of God, Shall have the Use, previledge and injoyment of the meeting houfe for Religious worship under the lead of Such person, or persons as shall be imployed, or approved by a Committee the Majority of which shall be chosen by the Church, excepting the right formerly alloted to the Baptists, and a Just apportionment to every other dnomination in the Town according to their property in the house and when Actually used by them agreable to such apportionment, Signd by Eph^r: Kimboll & Thomas Thurston.

Voted to pafs over the 4th article in the warrant.

Voted that the deligates formerly chosen upon the Subject of a New County, attend a Convention at Gardner agreable to a Circular letter sent to the Selectmen of this town by a committee chosen for that purpose. On y^e: second tusday in April next, at Ten oClock A. M. and they to act when meet in convention what they shall think best for the good of the whole.

Voted to pafs over the 6th article in the warrant.

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[172] Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
 (Seal) quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to
 (Seal) meet and afsemble at the meeting house in said
 Town on munday the Seventh day of March next
 at nine of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz.)

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Treafurer, Selectmen, and all other Town officers as the Law directs, and act any thing theiron in regard to chusing Collectors as they may think propper

3 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair the Highways & Bridges, make new roads, or act any thing with regard to repairing or making roads the Town may think propper.

4 To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the present year or act any thing theiron they may think propper.

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to defray the Necessary charges of the Town the present year or act any thing theiron they may think propper.

6 To see if Town will chuse a Saxton to take care of the meeting house or act any thing theiron they think propper

7 To see what Sum of money the Town will raise to support the schools the present year.

8 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to Settle with the Treafurer

9 To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or their order, or difcontinue any roads that may be requested.

10 To see if the Town will allow the Swine to run at Large under the regulation of the Law.

11 To see if the Town will do any thing to prevent neat Cattle runing at larg on the common, or act any thing theiron they may think propper

12 To see if the Town will give any bounty on Crows, or act any thing theiron they think propper.

13 To see if the Town will here the report of any committes which have ben chofen by the Town.

14 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with Doe^t Jonas Marshall respecting his being an agent in a Law Sute with Eliba Smith or act any thing theiron they think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing [173] doings theiron on or before said day,

Given under our hands & Seals this Sixteenth day of February AD. 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polley	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place within mentioned.
 Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the 7th day of March 1803.

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Town Treafurer

. Town Treafurer Sworn

Voted to have five Selectmen for the present year and they to serve and have no pay for their Servifes, no other than the same as last year.

Voted and Chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith, Doc^t Peter Snow M^r Abijah Goodridge & M^r Amos Putnam Selectmen

Voted that Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith & Doc^t Peter Snow be the Affesors the present year

. Affesors. Affesors Sworn

Voted to let out the Collectorship Upon the hundred pound to the lowest bidder and the lowest bidder to bring Bondsman to the acceptance of the Town

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the Collectorship at the house of Cap^t William Browns at six OClock this Evening

Voted that the Committee consist of Three

Voted and chose Cap^t Edward Durant, M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r & M^r David Boutell a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to excuse M^r David Boutell & chose M^r Thomas Cowdin in the rome of M^r David Boutell

Voted to add four to the above Committee.

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow, M^r Afa Perry, Cap^t Jacob Burnap & Cap^t Selvester, they to make their report to the Town at the adjournment.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment

Voted & chose M^r Abijah Goodridge, Doc^t Peter Snow, M^r Amos Parce M^r Benj^a Kemp David Pratt, Jacob Gibson, Amos Putnam, Joseph Richardfon M^r Daniel M. Stearns, M^r Elijah Macintire, M^r Benj^a Herrick, Doc^t Jonas Marshall M^r Daniel Harrifs, M^r Abraham Farwell & M^r Seth Phillips, and the pay p^r hour Cattle, Tools & to be allowed for, the same as last year,

. Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r Lieu^t Aaron Wheeler, Leu^t Aaron Eaton M^r Paul Wetherbee Ju^r M^r Sam^l Harrifs Ju^r & M^r Timothy Downe . . Hoggreaves

Voted & chose M^r Jacob Gibson, & M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r Firewards

Voted & chose M^r John Willard, & M^r John Messenger Surveys of Lumber

Voted & chose Cap^t Edw^d Durant ^{Sworn} & M^r David Pratt ^{Sworn} Field drivers.

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Simonds & M^r Timothy Garfield Seallers of Leather

[174] Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Jun^r Pound keeper

Voted & chose M^r Jacob Jaquith & M^r Simeon Farwell Tythingmen

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Downe Ju^r & M^r John R. Kemp Surveyors of hoops & Staves

Voted & chose M^r Selvester P. Flint & M^r Tho^s Gibson ^{Sworn} Fence Viewers

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to repair the highways & bridges and New roads the present year

Voted that the Poor be let out at Vendue to the lowest bidder at the house of Cap^t William Browns this Evening upon the same prinfables as last year.

Voted to chuse a Committee to let out the poor

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to let out the poor

Voted to add Three to the above Committee

Voted that M^r Jacob Gibson, M^r Afa Perry, & Doc^t Jonas Marshall be added to the above Committee.

Voted to pass over the 5th article in Warrant untill the adjornment

Voted that the Committee chosen to let out the Collectorship be a Committee to let out the Saxon beinefs at the same time & place

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to support the schools the year infuing

Voted that the money be laid out in the same way & manner as last year

Voted & chose Deacon Ebn^r Thurston, M^r Afa Perry, M^r Daniel M. Stearns M^r Daniel Harrifs, M^r Daniel Farwell Ju^r M^r Thomas Eaton M^r Thomas Carter, M^r John Willard, M^r Zachariah Sheldon M^r Jacob Jaquith & M^r Arrington Gibson School Committee

Voted that each Defrict be restricted to his own Quarter

Voted that the Committeemen be directed not to pay the Masters or Mistresses for any time more than they keep the school, nor allow them any thing for Saterdays in the afternoons

Voted to chuse a Committee to Settle with the Treafurer

Voted that the Committee consist of Three.

Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r M^r John Thurston Ju^r & M^r Jo^s Polley to be a committee to Settle with the Treafurer and they to report at the adjornment

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first Munday in April next at One OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place.

On munday the 4th April 1803 The Town meet according to adjornment and the meeting oppened

Voted to raise Eight hundred dollars to pay the Towns Debts & Necessary charges

Voted that the Swine be confinid in pens or pastures and not go at Large the present year.

Voted that Neat Cattle & Horfes be confind in pas- tures or otherways and not go at Large on the Common the present year.

Voted to give a bounty on Crows that are killed in the limits of Fitchburg the present year, and is left with the Treafurer to be satisfied, whether they are killed in the limits of the Town, and if Satisfied, he to pay the person who [175] who shall present them Seventeen Cents each, & bring his account into the Town for allowance.

Voted to pafs over the 14th article in the warrant

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Collectorship which report is as fol- lows viz —

The Collectorship on the South side let out to the low- est bidder on y^e hundred pound & was bid of to M^r Abijah Goodridge at \$4.00 upon the hundred pound \$4.00

The Collectorship on y^e North side let out to the low- est bidder on y^e hundred pound & was bid of to M^r Thomas French at \$4.50 — upon the hundred pound \$4..50

Voted to accept of M^r Afa Perry & Cap^t Lemuel. H. Selvester as bondfmen for M^r Thomas French as Collector the present year for the North Side of the Town.

Voted to accept of M^r Afa Perry & Doc^t Peter Snow as bondfmen for M^r Abijah Goodridge as Collector for the present year for the South side of the Town.

Voted & chose M^r Abijah Goodridge Collector for the South Side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose M^r Abijah Goodridge One of the Con- stables for the present year Constables
4 April — Sworn by Town Clerk

Voted & chose M^r Thomas French Collector for the North side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose M^r Thomas French One of the Con- stables for the present year Constables
Sworn before Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Report of y^e Committee to Let out the Poor, Ephraim Smith Bid of to Seth Phillips at 2/11 p^r weak 2/11

Mary Wares bid of to Ahimaas Wood at 4^d p^r weak 0/4^d

The committee appointed to let out the Saxton befiness made their report as follows (viz)

The Saxton befiness let out to Thomas French, & he to give the Town Six shillings & Six pence for the year Enfuing

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

The Committee appointed to make a Settlement with the Treafurer, made their report as follows Viz

Fitchburg March 21st 1803.

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee to Settle with the Treafurer find due in the hand of the Collectors & others as follows viz

We find an obligation in the Treafures hands against Eph ^r Kimboll Dated January 30 th 1800. Two years Interest paid	\$100.00
One note against W ^m Brown dated 30 th Nov ^r 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	18.17
One other note against W ^m Brown dated 30 Nov ^r 1798 due on this note besides the Interest	4.16
One note against Ezra Dana dated 30 Nov ^r 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	3.50
One other note against Ezra Dana dated 30 Nov ^r 1798 due on this note besides the Interest	19.00
One note against Maj ^r John Goodridge dated 24 December 1802 of	5.18
We find due in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1801 Town rates .	16.00
We find due in the hands of Thomas French Collector for the year 1802	1280.48.9
We find in the hands of The Treafurer in Cash	22.95.
	1469.44.9

We find the Town of Fitchburg is Indebted to Sundry persons (viz)

Notes due to Joseph Fox besides the Interest \$503..06

Due to the Widow Hannah Cowdin being her part of y ^e old meeting house	10..73
Due to the Pew Holders in the old meeting house	67..83
Due in orders now out and other Small Debts to the amount of	500..00
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	\$1081..62

Jonas Marshall Jun^r }
 John Thurston Jun^r } Committee
 Paul Wetherbee Town Treafurer.

Voted to accept of the above report

[176] The Committee chosen at a legal Meeting of the Inhabants of the Town of Fitchburg Afsembled November 1st 1802, to look into the second article in the warrant to confider what is advisable to be done theiron, Beg leave to report as follows (viz.)

That when the Society in the West part of the Town shall make it appear to the Town, that they are a lawfull Confitutional Society and known as such so as to give the Town a legal discharge of their right in the meeting houfe your Committee are of Opinuin the Town ought to give them a Just Compenfation

Edward Durant p^r order of the Committee.

Fitchburg Nov^r 26th 1802

4th day of April the Town voted to accept this report

Voted to difsolve this meeting, and the meeting was accordingly difsolved
 Afa Perry Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg, of twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold eftate within the Commonwealth, of the Annual income of Ten dollars, or any eftate to the value of Two hundred dollars to meet

at the Meeting house on munday the 4th day of April next at Three OClock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, & Senators & Counfellors agreable to the Confitution of this Commonwealth.

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of March Anno Domini, 1803.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Amos Putnam		

Persuant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town quallified as theirin exprefs^d to meet at the time & place & for the purpose theirin mentioned
Thomas French Conftable

[177] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the fourth day of April 1803. To vote for Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators & Counfellors

The meeting being opened

Votes for the following persons ware given in, counted, and Sorted, and record, and declaration theirot made as by the Confitution directed viz,

Govener	
For His Excecleny Caleb Strong	63
The Hon ^{bl} Elbridge Gary	63
Lieu ^t Govener	
For His Honour Edward. H. Robins	61
The Hon ^{bl} James Bowdin	58
Senators & Counfellors	
For The Hon ^{bl} Elijah Brigham	57
The Hon ^{bl} Daniel Bigelow	58
The Hon ^{bl} Salem Town	58
The Hon ^{bl} Thomas Hale	58
For Gen ^l John Whiting	59
Samuel Jones Esq ^t	59

Edward Bangs Esq^r 60
 Pliney Mirick Esq^r 59

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Amos Putnam	}	Town Clerk
Joseph Fox		

Worcester: fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required to notify & warn in
 (Seal) the name of the Commonwealth the Freeholders &
 (Seal) other inhabitants quallified by Law to vote in
 (Seal) Town meetings, to meet and assemble at the meet-
 ing house in said Town on thursday the twelfth
 day of May next two OClock P. M. and when meet to
 act on the following articles viz —

1st To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will make the Rev^d John Payson any compenfatation for his Servifes in attending Funeral Solemnities, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

3rd To see if the Town will annex David Whitmore to the school deftrict N^o 1 agreeable to his request

[178] 4th To see if the Town will chuse an Agent to attend at the General Seflions at Worcester to obtain if pofsable a discontinuance of a road lately laid out by a committee round Leitches hill (so called)

5th To see if the Town will difcontinue any road or roads which may be requested.

6th To see if the Town will direct the Affeffors to go to the Inhabitants of said Town for a General Valuation the present year.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg the twenty fifth day of April AD 1803.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned.

Thomas French Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the twelfth day of May 1803.

Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted to make the Reverend John Payson sum compensation for his Services in attending funeral Solemnities &c.

Voted to make M^r Payson a compensation by way of a contribution

Voted that the contribution be on the last Sunday of this Instant May after divine Service.

Voted that the Deacons be a committee to receive the money at the Contribution and deliver it to M^r Payson, or lay the money out for M^r Paysons benefit in any other way the Committee shall think proper.

Voted that David Whitmore with his Estate be Annexed to the school district N^o I agreeable to his request.

Voted to chuse an Agent to attend at the Court of Sessions at Worcester, to obtain if possible a discontinuance of a road lately laid out by a Courts committee round leitches hill (so called)

Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq^r an Agent for the above purpose

Voted that the road to the house formerly M^r Sam^l Berrys and now sold to Daniel Holt & Jeremiah Kinfinan Ju^r be discontinued through through the land formerly owned by said Berry, as it was given by the said Berry, & laid out for his benefit only

Voted to pass over the 6th article in the warrant.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[179] Worcester, is To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the Male inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to the General Court to meet at the meeting house in said Town on thursday the twelfth day of may next at Three of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of chusing a representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of may.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg the twenty fifth day of April AD. 1803.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as theirin expresed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned. Tho^s French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on thursday the 12th day of May 1803 in order to chuse a representative.

The meeting opened by the Selectmen, and a vote put to see if the Town would Send a Representative the present year, And it pafs^d in the affirmative.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox to represent them in General Court the year insuing

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Peter Snow		
Amos Putnam		
Joseph Fox		Town Clerk

Worcester. fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Frecholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town qualified by law to vote in Town meetings
to meet and asemble at the meeting houfc on munday the

Twenty fourth day of Oct^r next at One OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)—

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said Meeting.

2nd To see if the Town will concur with the Congregational Church, who have this day renewed their Covenant in giving M^r Aaron Hovey a call to the work of the Gospell minetry, and see what Support they will give him, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

3rd To see if the Town will regulate the Juror Boxes agreeable to a late Law of this Commonwealth.

[180] 4th To see if the Town will repair the school houfes, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

5th To see if the Town will fence and clear the new burying ground, or act any theiron.

6th To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to supply the pulpit, or act any thing theiron respecting Supplying the Pulpit.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day, given under our hands and Seals this Twenty first day of Sep^r AD. 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house at the time & place for the purpofes within mentioned.

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday y^e 24th of October 1803.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r moderator

Voted to pafs over the 2nd article in the warrant, respecting the Towns concurring with the Congregational Church for giving M^r Aaron Hovey a call to the work of the Gospell ministry.

Voted to chuse a committee to regulate the Juror boxes according to Law

Voted to chuse five as a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted & chose the Selectmen to be the Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Committee when they have Selected the persons Sutable in their opinnion that they make their report to the Town, and lay their doings before the the Town, as soon as is convenient for their acceptance

Voted that the Selectmen make such repairs upon the School houfes in this Town as they shall think proper, and lay their account before the Town for acceptance.

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the clearing the New burying ground and fenceing the frount with Stone wall, and lay out the ground for the graves, and make a streightning upon the road on M^r Paysons Land, if they can agree with him.

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee M^r David Boutell, & Joseph Fox a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to raise One hundred dollars to Supply the Pulpit

Voted to chuse a Committee to lay out the hundred dollars to Supply the Pulpit.

Voted to chuse a Committee of Three

Voted that the Committee be chosen by ballot.

[181] Voted & chose Joseph Fox M^r Paul Wetherbee & M^r Jacob Jaquith a committee for the purpose of laying out the hundred dollars.

A motion was made & seconded, that the Committee chosen to lay out the hundred dollars in Supplying the Pulpit be directed to imploy M^r Aaron Hovey for that purpose.

The vote being put it pafsed in the Negative, 53. to 45.

Voted to difsolve this meeting, and the meeting was accordingly difsolved

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house on munday the twenty fourth day of October next at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will concur with this Church in giving M^r Aaron Hovey a call to settle with us in the work of the Gospell ministry

3rd To see what provision the town will make for M^r Hoveys Support or act any thing theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings on or before said day, Given under our hands and Seals this twenty fourth day of September Anno Domini 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned
 Thomas French Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 24th of Oct^r 1803

Voted & chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r Moderator

It was motioned & seconded to pafs over the 2nd article in the warrant, respecting concurring with this Church in giving M^r Aaron Hovey a call to the work of the Gospell ministry.

The vote being put it pafsed in the affirmative 55 to 44

Voted to disolve this meeting

Daniel Putnam Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[182] Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachufets, to notify and
(Seal) warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualli-
fied by law to vote in Town meeting to meet and
assemble at the meeting house in said Town on munday
the Twenty eighth day of November instant at one of the
Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following
Articles Viz

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will so far concur with the
first congregational Church in this Town, as to approve
of said Church, and those who shall associate with them,
in the publick worship of God to settle Mr Aaron Hovey
in the work of the Gospel Ministry in this Town, provid-
ed his Support be by a publick fund for that purpose,
and be free of charge to all the other Inhabitants of said
Town, or act any thing theiron as the Town may think
proper.

3^d To see if in case the Town do not approve of the
second Article above written, that they will vote to have
the parochial powers of said Town desolved, and that
each society be impowered to support their own religious
Instructor for the future, and act any thing theiron as the
Town shall think, proper

4th To see if the Town will receive the report of the
committee who were chosen to select Jurymen agreeable to
Law, or act anything theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings theiron on or before said day, Given under
our hands & Seals this seventh day of November AD.
1803.

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }

Persuant to this warrant I have notified and warned
all the Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to
vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place for
the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable.

[183] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 28th day of November 1803.

Voted & chose M^r Abraham Willard moderator

Voted not to agree to the request in the second article in the warrant 58 to 42

Voted not to agree to the request in the third article in the warrant 58 to 45

Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting selecting those persons they think proper to put into the Jury boxes

Abraham Willard Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Agreable to a Vote of the Town the Subsribers have made a Division of the school money which is as follows viz.—

D ⁿ Eben ^r Thurston	\$97..80
Afa Perry	42..11
Daniel. M. Stearns	42..17
Daniel Harriss	39..90..9
Daniel Farwell Ju ^r	21..08..4
Thomas Eaton	25..60..2
Thomas Carter	34..03..6
John Willard	31..62..6
Zacheriah Shelden	51..95..7
Jacob Jaquith	63..25..5
Arington Gibson	50..45..1

Fitchburg December 5th 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

[184] Worcester, fs., To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusets to Notify & warn
(Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
(Seal) quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to
(Seal) meet and asemble at the meeting house in said
Town on Munday the fifth day of March next at

nine of the Clock in the fournoon, and when meet to act on the following Articles Viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To chuse a Town Clerk, Selectmen, and other Town officers as the law directs and act any thing in regard to chusing chusing Collectors as they may think proper.

3 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair the highways and Bridges the year ensuing or act any thing theiron they may think proper

4 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to pay the Towns debts and other necessary charges of the Town or act any thing theiron

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support the schools the year ensuing, or act any thing theiron respecting laying the money they think proper.

6 To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor the year ensuing or act any thing theiron they may think propper.

7 To see if the Town will permit the swine to run at large under the regulation of the Law the ensuing year.

8 To see if the Town will vote to restrict the cattle from runing at large on the commons & highways the year ensuing or act any thing theiron they think proper.

9 To see if the Town will accept of any road or roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

10 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to supply the Pulpit the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they think Proper.

11th To see if the Town will refund the Sum of \$64..50 out of the publick money to be raised to supply the pulpit to those persons who subscribed their propotion of said Sum according to the taxes they pay, said Sum of money was for the purpose of Supplying the Pulpit the last six sabbaths, or act any thing theiron they think proper.

12 To see if the Town will Chuse an agent to attend the Court of General Sefsions, to obtain a discontinuance of the proposed new road from Ephraim Kimbolls Junr. to Joseph Polleys.

[185] 13 To see if the Town will vote to pay to the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton all the money paid in the last Hundred Dollars that was raised in the Town to supply the Desk that was afesed on the Hopkinfions Society (so called) or act any thing theiron they think proper

To see if the Town will Join with the Congregational Church in this Town in giving M^r Elifha Clap a call to the work of the Gospel ministry, and to see what support they will give him for his encouragement, or act any respecting his Setling with them they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron on or before said day and time. given under our hands and Seals this eighteenth day of February AD. 1804

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Amos Putnam.	

Persuant to this warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on the 5th March 1804

Voted & chose Afa Perry Moderator.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Voted & chose Oliver Fox Town Clerk Protem

Voted to have five Selectmen for the ensuing year & they to serve and have no pay for their services, no other than the same as last year.

Voted & Chose	Israel Turner	} Selectmen
	Reuben Smith	
	Doc ^t Peter Snow	
	Abijah Goodridge	
	Amos Putnam.	

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee . . . Town Treasurer

Voted to have three afesors

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Reuben Smith & Doc^t Peter Snow Affesors

Voted to let out the Collectorship upon the hundred pounds to the lowest bidder, they to bring bondsman to the acceptance of the Town.

Voted & chose the Selectmen for a Committee for the above purpose & they to make report to the Town, to be let out at Cap^t W^m Browns this Evening.

Voted & chose Oliver Fox, Joshua Phillips Maj^r John Goodridge Eph^r Kendoll Joshua Stickney Joseph Downe Jun^r Ephraim Gibson, Nathan Badcock Ju^r Samuel Caswell Ju^r Leu^t Paul Wetherbee, David Macintire Benj^a Shelden, Elias Mefsender, Sam^l Harrifs, Tim^o F. Downe & Cap^t Aaron Wheeler Highway Surveyors and the pay p^r hour, Cattle, Tools &c to be allowed for, the same as last year

[186] Voted & chose Nchemiah Fuller, Oliver Fox, Stephen Dole, Thomas Carter, Josiah Macintire, Amos Brown, Peter Sandin, Eph^r Smith, Henrey Haskell & Benj^a Scott Hogreves

Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour

The Town meet according to adjornment

Voted & chose John. R. Kemp & Benj^a Kemp

. . . . Cullers of hoops & Staves

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield & Joseph Simonds

. . . . Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose John Willard & Amos Parce

. . . . Firewards

Voted & chose George Wood & Levi Farwell

. . . . Field drivers

Voted & Chose Jonas Marshall Jun^r . Pound Keeper.

Voted & chose Jacob Jaquith & John Farwell Ju^r

. . . . Tytheingmen

Voted & chose John Willard & Jacob Stickney

. . . . Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge & Sam^l Phelps

. . . . Fence Viewers

Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to repair Bridges, highways & new roads the present year.

Voted to let out the Poor of the Town at the lowest bidder, by the Selectmen, at the house of Cap^t William Browns this evening.

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the warrant untill adjournment

Voted to raise Six hundred dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing

Voted to lay out the school money in the same manner as last year

Voted & chose Doct^r Peter Snow, Afa Perry, Person Brown, Timothy F Downe, Sam^l Harrifs, Benj^s Hartwell Joshua Stickney, David Macintire, Cap^t Tho^s Thurston Joseph Richardson & Timothy Batcheler

. School Committee

Voted that the Swine run at Large the present year under the regulation of the Law.

Voted that the Cattle be refrained and not run at large the present year

Voted to raise four hundred dollars for to supply the pulpit the present year.

Voted to chuse a committee of three for the above purpose

Voted & chose Mr Jacob Jaquith, Edward Durant, & Paul Wetherbee for the committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 14th Instant at ten oClock. A. M.

Fitchburg March 14th 1804 The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting oppened, by reading the warrant, and by reading what the Town had done at the meeting on y^e 5th March.

[187] Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to pay the Towns debts and other necessary charges the present year.

It was motioned and seconded that the four hundred dollars that was raised the last meeting to supply the pulpet be reconsidered.

The vote being put it pass in the Negative.

Voted to refund the sum of Sixty four dollars & fifty Cents to those persons who Scubscribed their propotion of said Sum according to their taxes for the purpose of Supplying the Pulpet the last six sabboths to be taken out of the four hundred dollars raised to supply the pulpet the present year.

It was motioned & seconded to raise One hundred dol-

lars to be added to the six hundred dollars raised to support the school the last meeting. The vote was put & pafs^d in the Negative

It was motioned & seconded to reconsider the vote pafs^d last meeting respecting laying out the school money as the year before; The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative.

It was motioned and seconded to pafs over the thirteenth article in the warrant.

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative.

It was motioned & Seconded to pafs over the fourteenth article in the warrant respecting Joyning with the congregational Church in this Town in giving M^r Elisha Clap a Call to the work of the Gospel ministry and to see what support they will give him for his incoragement. The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will Join with the Congregational Church in this Town, in giving M^r Elisha Clap a Call to the work of the Gospel ministry

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative.

It was motioned and seconded to see if the Town will chuse a committee to consider and report to the Town the prinsables, and encoragement the Town will give M^r Clap, in order to encorage him to settle with us. The vote being put it pafs^d in the Affirmative

Voted that the committee consist of nine

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, William Cuningham, Cap^t Edward Durant Thomas Cowdin, David Boutell, Deacon Joseph Tilden, Israel Turner Esq^r Doc^t Jonas Marshall & Doc^t Peter Snow, a committee for the above purpose

Voted that the committee make their report to the Town as soon as may be.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for two hours then to meet in this place

The Town meet according to adjornment.

Voted to chuse an Agent to attend the Court of Sessions March term in order to obtain a discontinuance of the Road laid out from Ephraim Kimbolls Jun^{rs} to Joseph Polleys.

Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee to be the agent for the above purpose.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen respecting letting out the Collectorship, & likewise the Towns Poor which Report is as follows viz.

The Collectorship on the South side bid of to William Brown Jun^r at \$4..38 on the hundred pound . . . \$4..38

The Collectorship on the North side of the Town bid of to John Willard at \$4..44. on the hundred pound . . . \$4..44

[188] Ephraim Smith one of the Towns Poor bid off to Mr Benj^a Fuller at three shillings and Eleven pence p^r weak £0.3.11

Mary Wares one of the Towns Poor bid off to Cap^t James Cowdin at Six Cents p^r weak \$0..6

Samuel French bid off to Benjamin Kemp who is to give the Town six Cents p^r weak for his labour . \$0..6

March 14th 1804 Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen

Voted to accept of Doc^t Peter Snow & Cap^t William Brown as bondsmen for William Brown Jun^r for the Collectorship the south side of y^e Town

Voted to accept of Sam^l Phelps & David Macintire as bondsmen for John Willard for the Collectorship the North side of y^e Town.

Voted & chose William Brown Jun^r Collector for the South side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose John Willard Collector for the North side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose John Willard one of the Constables for the present year Constable

Voted & chose William Brown Jun^r one of the Constables Constable

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to consider and report the prinsables upon which it would be expedient for the Town to adopt in order to Settle Mr Elisha Clap in the work of the Gospel ministry and to state the encoragement, which report is as follows viz.

The committee, to whom it was referred to consider and report the prinsables upon which it would be expedient for the Town to settle M^r Elitha Clap in the work of the Gospel Ministry, and to State the encoragement it would be proper to propose, have, after mature consideration, Unanimously agreed to the following

That M^r Clap be settled by the Town subject to a removal when ever, within four years from his Ordination, two thirds of those being voters, who pay to his Support, may become opposed to his continuance provided that those, thus quallified, who may be opposed, shall continue to vote his dismifsion in the manner hereafter specified

After four years from the day of his Ordination, the Majority of those, being voters, who pay to his Support, shall be Sufficient for his dismifsion upon the Same condition refered to in the proceeding provifsion.

To remove all misunderstanding as to the compleat authority of the Town to dismiss him, your committee recommend an exprefs provision, that when the Town may be convened on the Subject of his difmifsion, the Church shall not be regarded as in any manner distinct from the Town, but that the Town & church shall always, for that purpose, be considered as indivisible.

But that M^r Clap's removal may not be effected rashly [189] rashly and precipetately, and that the Sence of the Town may be exprefs^d with that coolness deliberation and firmness which the Seriousness and importance of the subject so evidently require, your committee recommend that an exprefs provision, that two thirds of those being voters, who pay to his Support, and who may manifest a dislike of M^r Clap within the first four years after his Ordination; and that a majorety of the same discription of persons afterwards, shall not be considered as sufficient for his difmifsion on the first determination, but that the meeting at which such a quallified decifsion against him may be obtained, shall be adjourned for precisely six months, when the question shall be again tried, when the question shall be again tried; and if at the adjournment the Same result should appear, his dismifsion

shall be considered as compleat. And their shall not be a convocation of an Ecclesiastical Council for any other purpose than to consider and determine upon M^r Clap's Ministerial character, and of the fitness of a recommendation of him to the work of the Ministry in an other place. A council for that purpose only, may at the pleasure of M^r Clap, be convened by him and the Town, the expence of which to be equally divided between them. And M^r Clap on his part may leave the Town at any time upon six months Notification of such an intention.

Your committee further recommend, that for his encouragement there be offered M^r Clap a Settlement of Six hundred dollars, payable One third on the first of January Succeeding his Ordination, and the remaining two thirds on the first of January following. But if M^r Clap's official relation to the Town should be dissolved by Death, removal or resignation, before six years from his Ordination, his estate or himself shall be held to refund to the Town at the rate of One hundred dollars p^r year for all the time, from the dissolution afore said, which may remain unexpired of six years from his Ordination.

And your committee further recommend, that a yearly Salary of four hundred dollars be granted him during the time that his pastoral relation to the Town may continue, payable, at that rate, upon the first of January Succeeding his Ordination, for the time then due; and after wards from that period Annually.

All which is respectfully Submitted by your Committee
Joseph Fox Chairman
Fitchburg March 14th 1804

Voted to chuse a committee to preset M^r Clap with the vote of the Town, and likewise present him the proposals, & encouragement the Town proposes to give him for his encouragement to settle with us in the work of the Gospel Ministry.

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose M^r William Cuningham, Cap^t Edward Durant, Joseph Fox M^r David Boutell & Deacon Joseph Tilden a committee for the above purpose

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Asa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[190] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn verbally, the freeholders and other inhabi-
tants of said Town quallified by Law to vote in
Town meetings to meet and afsemble at the meeting houfe
on munday the fifth day of March infant at five of the
clock. P. M. to act on the following artieles viz.

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will protest and Remonstrate
against the Installation of The Rev^d Titus. T. Barton over
a minor part of this Corporation, or act any thing theiron
they may think proper.

Given under our hands & seals this fifth day of March
1804

Reuben Smith }
Abijah Goodridge } Selectmen
Amos Putnam }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and
warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to
meet and afsemble at the time & place for the purpose
within mentioned Thomas French Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg afsembled on Munday the 5th day of March
1804

Voted and chose M^r Asa Perry Moderator

Voted to chose a committee of Five to draft a protest
or remonstrance against the Installation of the Rev^d Titus.
T. Barton over a minor part of this Corporation, and
the Committee to make their report at the adjournment of
this meeting.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, William Cuningham, Cap^t
Will^m Brown David Boutell, & Doc^t Peter Snow, a com-
mittee for the above purpose

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the 14th March Instant then to mett at this place at Ten OClock A. M.

March 14th 1804 The Town meet according to adjornment, the meeting opened by reading the warrant & what votes pafs^d the last meeting

Voted to adjorn this meeting for two hours then to meet at this place.

[191] The Town meet according to adjornment

The committee that was appointed to draft a protest, or remonstrance, against the Installation of the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton, made their report as follows, viz.

To the Ecclesiastical Council which may be convened for the Installation of the Rev^d Titus Theodore Barton over an affsociety nominally Hopkinsian, a minor part of this Corporation.

We the Town of Fitchburg in Town meeting assembled, Protest against your proceeding to said Installation; and as the basis of this Protest we assign the following reasons, derived from civil and ecclesiastical law.

The constitution of the Commonwealth while it gives the utmost consistant indulgence to the rights of conscience, empowers the Legaslature to require every mans attendance on the publick Worship of Almighty God, and to enact laws for the regulation of religious Societies. The laws thus made in persuance of Constitutional authority, contemplate every Town, undivided into parishes, precincts, districts and religious Societies, as a Corporation for the management of all ecclesiastical concerns. The town of Fitchburg is of that description, and are now engaged in a course of regular proceeding for the Settlement of a Gospel Minester. The persons over whome the Installation of the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton is proposed, are a minor part of that corporation; the induction into office of a minester over the minority of a regularly constituted society is, we deem, an unwarrantable and unprecedented invasion of the liberties and rights of the majority; it is, we conceive, in direct violation of that fundamental rule in all our intitutions, that the majority, conforming to the Original prinsaples of the compact,

shall govern, and it is a measure flagrantly irregular, and compleatly disorganising.

Every citizen of the Commonwealth is a member of a religious Society, constituted such by Law. If an inhabitant of a Town, or a resident in any parish, precinct or district, it is within these Geographical limits, or within a distinct Society specially incorporated, that the civil power authorizes the use, and protects him in the enjoyment of all the rights and priveledges appertaining to publick worship. But if he disents from the regularly, constituted society in which he is included, he may attach himself to any other Sect or denomination, "and on his producing a formal certificate of his attendance on a public Teacher of that other Sect or denomination," he may have the tax affesed upon him transfered to his own Instructor. But for a number of disenters to combine against the Will of the body politic, of which they are a part, and in the Settlement of a minester to assume and exercise the rights given exclusively to the majority, is a proceeding Subversive of all order civil and religious. And a Spirit by which such a combination is actuated, is fitly described in a publication from the Church lately under the pastoral care of the Reverend Samuel Worcester, entitled "Facts and documents" — A spirit disposed to trample on all order and authority, civil and ecclesiastical, and to introduce unbounded licentiousness and confusion into Church and State."

To illustrate the truth of these sentiments, we advert to the tranfactions of the same Church when last assembled under the authority of this Corporation to manage our civil and ecclesiastical concerns. At a meeting of the Town on the fifth of the present month the said Church protested against their future taxation for any religious purpose, and presented a certificate for their exemption, and immediately after combined their whole strength, against [192] against the Majority, in a design to prevent the raising of money for supplying the Pulpit, the mere statement of this conduct is Sufficient to expose its contrariety to law, reason, and social order. This instance is not Solitary. An opposition, Similar in every respect

has ben frequently exhibited during the last three years. Such disorderly conduct has raised a spirit in the Town, that will not, probably, be allayed with any thing short of the peaceable Submission, for the future, of the Minority, or of their seperation from the Town in such manner as the laws prescribe.

The Constitution considers every man in the two-fold character of a disciple of Christ, and a subject of civil Government: As free to worship God, according to the dictates of his conscience, but as acquiring that freedom by his conformity to such regulations as the preservation and tranquillity of Society require.

The call of the Rev^d M^r Barton, and, as we understand, the letters misfise for your convocation were in the name of the First Church of Christ in Fitchburg. This rank it cannot at present claim in a legal point of view, for being, unafsociated with any incorporated body, it is a society wholly unknown in law; and that it could not claim it, we think evident from the following considerations. The statute of the Commonwealth restricts to Churches connicted and afsociated with corporations, legal protection in the use, exercise and enjoyment of their accustomed privileges respecting Divine Worship. And where parishes, precincts and other corporations are formed in a town, the law exprefsly declares that the old Town shall be the first or prinfpable parish, which would give the rank of first or prinfpable Church to the Church connected and afsociated theirwith. So far as Ecclesiastical authority can settle this question of precedence we conceive that the Church afsuming the distinction of the First Church of Christ in Fitchburg, are schismatics from the first regularly established Church in this place, and that, therefore, your recognition of them under that asumed title, would be unwarranted by any Ecclesiastical Judicatory.

Upon these considerations we Protest against your recognising the Church, nominally Hopkinsian, under the appellation of the First. . . .

In connection with this Solemn act and the reasons for it, the Town of Fitchburg, respectfully and unequivocally afsure the Reverend Council, that they have not the

least aversion to the Settlement of a Minister by any portion of the people constituted a religious Society according to Law. Without such constitution there cannot be, in this Commonwealth, a Society authorized to make and efficient Settlement of, and provide legal Support for a Minister. Where a Settlement is attempted by a minority with party views, and especially with avowed intention of becoming the Majority, the peace of Society is interrupted and its Laws transgressed.

They who sustain the high commision of public Instructors in the Divine Law, should themselves observe, and enjoin upon others the obfervance of the Laws which Protect and preserve an orderly community:

Jo^s Fox p^r order

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg holden by adjournment on [193] on Wednesday March 14th AD. 1804. Voted that the foregoing infrement, drafted by a Committee chosen for that purpose, be accepted: that the same be transcribed upon the Towns Books, and that a Committee be appointed to present it to the Council when convened.

Voted that the Committee consist of Five

The following persons were duly chosen, viz, Joseph Fox, William Cuningham Cap^t William Brown, David Boutell & Doc^t Peter Snow.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of Said Town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg, of Twenty one years of age and upwards,
(Seal) having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth
of the Annual income of Ten dollars, or any estate to the
value of Two hundred dollars to meet at the meeting

house on munday the Second day of April next, at One of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counfellers, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg this Seventeenth day of March AD. 1804.

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }
Amos Putnam }

Persuant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as theirin exprest to meet at the time & place and for the purposes theirin mentioned
William Brown Ju^r Constable

Fitchburg April 2nd 1804

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on munday the second day of April 1804 To vote for, Governor, Lieu^t Governor, Senators & Counfellors.

The meeting being opened, Votes for the following persons were Given in, counted and Sorted, and record and declaration theirof made as by the Constitution directs viz.

Govenor

For His Excelency Caleb Strong 59
The Hon. James Sullavan 74

Liu^t Governor.

For His Honour Edw^d H. Robins 61
The Hon William Heath 68

Senators & Counfellors

For the Hon^{bl} Elijah Brigham 55
The Hon^{bl} Daniel Bigelow 55
The Hon^{bl} Salem Town 56
The Hon^{bl} Thomas Hale 56
For General John Whiting 55
Sam^l Jones Esq^r 56
Edw^d Bangs Esq^r 56
Moses White Esq^r 55

The meeting dissolved —

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Joseph Fox		Town Clerk.

[194] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting
 (Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts, to Notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town,
 (Seal) quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to
 meet and asemble at the meeting house on Munday the second day of April next at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will chuse a committee to Settle with the Town Treafurer or act any thing theiron.

3^d To see if the Town will build or repair the bridge over Pearl Hill brook near Ephraim Gibsons, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

4 To see if the Town will purchase some burying cloaths or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Seventeenth day of March AD. 1804.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Amos Putnam		

Persuant to the within warrant I have Summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin exprefs^d to asemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned

William Brown Ju^r Constable

Fitchburg April 2nd 1804:

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the second day of April AD. 1804.

Voted & chose Doct Peter Snow Moderator.

Voted to chuse a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted & chose Mr John Thurston Junr Israel Turner Esqr & Doct Peter Snow a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the committee make a report to the Town at sum future meeting

Voted to chuse a committee to view the place where a Bridge is requested, nigh Ephraim Gibsons, and make their report at May meeting.

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted & chose Saml Caswell, Doct Peter Snow & David Boutell a committee for the above purpose.

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[195] Voted to purchase a decent burying Cloath for the Use of the Town.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox a committee to purchase the burying Cloath and lay his account before the Town for allowance.

Peter Snow Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

To Wm Brown Junr One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
 (Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town, being
 twenty one years of age, and resident in said town
 for the Space of one year next preeceeding having a free-
 hold estate within said Town of the Annual income of
 Ten Dollars, or any estate to the value of Two hundred
 dollars to meet at the meeting house on Munday the four-
 teenth day of may next, at two of the Clock in the after-
 noon, for the purpose of choosing a representative to rep-
 resent them at the General Court appointed to be con-
 vened, and held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of
 May

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg the twenty fourth day of April AD. 1804.

Israel Turner } Selectmen
 Reuben Smith } of
 Peter Snow } Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town, quallified as theirin exprefs^d to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned. W^m Brown Jun^r Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the 14th day of May 1804 for the purpose of chusing a representative.

The meeting opened by reading the warrant, the Selectmen prefided.

A vote was put to see if the Town will send a representative the present year and it pafs^d in the affirmative by dividing the house.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox to represent them in General Court the year ensuing

Israel Turner }
 Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Peter Snow }
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[196] To W^m Brown Jun^r one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting. . . .

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town quallified by law to vote in town meetings, to meet and assemble at the meeting house on Monday the fourteenth day of may next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the town will provide burying Cloaths to be kept in the West part of the Town.

3rd To see what method the Town will take to repair the Great bridge near Cap^t W^m Brown Mills or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

4th To see if the Town will accept the report of any Committee chosen by the Town or act any thing theiron.

5 To see if the Town will take any method to obtain a discontinuance of the old County road from Westminster line to Leominster by Deacon Boutells, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

6 To see if the Town will give a bonnty on Crows, or act any thing theiron.

7 To see if the Town will repair the fence round the old burying yard or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg the twenty fourth day of April AD 1804.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Persuant to the within warrant, I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin expresfed to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

W^m Brown Jun^r Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 14th May 1804.

Voted and chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r Moderator

Voted that the Town provide burying Cloaths for the West part of the Town

Voted that Joseph Fox be a committeeman to provide burying Cloaths for the West part of the Town, to be kept their, & bring in his account to the Town for allowance

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to repair the great bridge nigh Cap^t Browns Mills by leting it out at Vendue to the lowest bidder, and that the Selectmen see that it is faithfully done according to the conditions they shall propose, and bring the account in to the Town for allowance.

[197] Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen by the Town to settle with the Treasurer, which report is as follows viz.

March 9th 1804 Agreeable to a vote of the Town we the Subscribers have attended the business of settling with the Town Treasurer which is as follows

We find an obligation in the hands of the Town treasurer against M ^r Eph ^r Kimboll dated June 30 th 1800 of \$100..00 three years Interest paid	\$100..00
Also one note against Cap ^t W ^m Brown dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	18..57
Also another note against Cap ^t W ^m Brown dated Nov ^r 30 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	4..16
Also one note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30.. 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	3..50
Also one other note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798. due on the note besides the Interest	19..00
Also one note against Maj ^r John Goodridge dated December 24 th 1802 due on said note besides the Interest	5..18
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1803	676..42
We find in the hands of Thomas French Collector for the year 1803	379..65
We find in the hand of the Town Treasurer in cash	39..09
We find due from the Town to the Wid ^o Hannah Cowdin it being for part of the old meeting house	10..73
We find due to the pew holders in the old meeting house	67..83
John Thurston Jun ^r } Israel Turner } Committee Peter Snow. }	
Town Treas ^r	

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen by the Town to view the bridge nigh Eph^r Gibsons, which report is as follows (viz)

The committee chosen to view the bridge near Mr Eph^r Gibsons, beg leave to report as follows (Viz) It is our opinion that it is necessary there be a New bridge built, and a causway from one bank to the other, that the butments of the bridge be Stone four feet high in front, six inches of the wall Sunk below the bed of the stream.

That the bridge be thirteen feet wide with nine feet water corse.

that the string peaces be of chesnut six inches thick & ten wide.

The bridge to be covered with white pine plank three inches thick and well panned down.

and that the bridge be carried three feet higher up the Stream than the old one.

That the causeway be built with a good firm stone wall on each side, then filled with small Stones and covered with gravil, and raised as high as the bridge.

Sam^l Caswell }
Peter Snow } Committee
David Boutell }

Fitchburg May 14th 1804.

[198] Voted that the Committee that was chosen by the Town to view the Bridge nigh Eph^r Gibsons, & make their report to the Town be a committee to see that the bridge and causway be built and put in good repair agreeable to their report. And for that purpose to let it out to the lowest bidder at Vendue, and the Committee see that it be done faithfully as proposed by the viewing committee.

Voted that Israel Turner Esq^r Daniel Putnam Esq^r & Joseph Fox Esq^r or either of them be a committee, or agents, in behalf of the Town, to Petition to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace if necessary, in order to have the old County road discontinued leading from Westminster to Leomenter.

Voted to give a bounty on crows that shall be killed this present year within the liments of this Town.

Voted that the bounty on crows be twenty cents, and that those persons that is intitled to the bounty on crows,

that they call upon the Treasurer for the pay, And that the Treasurer be directed to pay the bounty, if he is satisfied that they have been killed within the limits of the Town.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to repair the fence round the old burying ground, and likewise the gate, and bring in their account to the Town for allowance.

Voted to disolve this meeting

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are required in the name of the Common-
(Seal) wealth of Mafschufetts to notify & warn the free-
(Seal) holders and other Inhabitants quallified by Law
(Seal) to vote in Town meetings to meet & Afsemble at
(Seal) the meeting house on munday the twenty Seventh
(Seal) day of August instant at two OClock in the after-
noon to act on the following Articles (Viz).

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will repair the school houfes, or act any thing respecting the school houfes they may think propper.

3 To see if the Town will repair the bridge near M^r Seth Phillips^s or act any thing theiron.

4 To see if the Town will raise money to repair the school Houfes or Act any thing theiron.

5 To see if the Town will vote that the Church under the pastoreal care of the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton and those who meet with said Church for the worship of GoD, shall have the Use & improvement of the meeting house their propotional part of the time reckning from the time that M^r Hovey closed preaching for the Town in Oct^r last, or act any thing theiron respecting the meeting house as the Town shall think propper. Given under our hands and Seals this Eleventh day of August AD 1804

Israel Turner
Reuben Smith
Peter Snow
Abijah Goodridge
Amos Putnam } Selectmen

[199] Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of s^d Town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned

W^m Brown Ju^r. Constable

August 27th 1804.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 27th day of August 1804.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r. Moderator.

Voted that the five Selectmen, View the Several School houses in the Town, and make such repairs as they shall think is necessary, to make them convenient & comfortable.

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to repair the Bridge nigh M^r Seth Phillips

Voted not to raise any money to repair the School houfes.

It was motioned & Seconded to see if the Town would agree to chuse a committee to see if the parties could compromise the besinefs on account of the dispute respecting the meeting house. The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative.

for the motion 55. against it 78. Majority 23.

It was motioned & seconded to pafs over the 5 Article in the warrant

The vote being put it pafs^d in affirmative.

For the motion 73. against it 45. majority 28 for pafsing over the 5th article

Voted to disolve this meeting.

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

October — 1804 Return of Selectmen for perambelating the line between Ashburnham & Fitchburg

We the Selectmen of Fitchburg, and Ashburnham have perambelated the line between said Towns & renewed the

bounds, and find the point of Compaſs to be 8 degrees west of South.

Eben ^r Munroe	}	Selectmen
Amos Parce		
Reuben Smith		
Amos Putnam		

Fitchburg Oct^r 20th 1804

Rec^d and recorded by Joseph Fox Town Clerk

We the Subscribers have this day perambulated the line between the Town of Lunenburg and the Town of Fitchburg, and renewed the bounds according to Law

October 25th 1804

Josiah Stearns	}	Two of the Selectmen of Lunenburg.
William Jones Ju ^r		
Abijah Goodridge	}	Two of the Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Amos Putnam		

[200] October 29th 1804 The Subscribers hereby Certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between the Towns of Leominster and Fitchburg and renewed the bounds between said Towns according to Law.

Abijah Bigelow	}	Selectmen of Leominster
Abel Kendall		
Abijah Goodridge	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Amos Putnam		

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Fitchburg, duly quallified to vote for representatives in the General court of said Commonwealth (viz.), the Male inhabitants of said Town, being twenty One years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One year next preceeding, having a freehold estate to the Value of Two hundred dollars, or an Annuel income of Ten dollars, to Asemble at the meeting house in said Town on Munday the fifth day of November next, being the fist munday of said month, at One of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for Nineteen Electors of President and Vice-

President of the United States. Given under our hands & Seals this twelfth day of Oct^r AD. 1804

Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen.
Abijah Goodridge }

Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned John Willard Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 5th day of Nov^r 1804 For the purpose of chusing Nineteen Electors, for the choice of a President, and Vice-President, of the United States. The Town being assembled the Votes called for, and brought in, Counted & sorted, and declaration made of the persons voted for, and was as follows viz.

For

at Large	{ Hon David Cobb Esq ^r of Goldsborough . . .	61
	{ Hon Oliver Wendall Esq ^r of Boston . . .	60
Suffolk District	Hon John Coffin Jones Esq ^r of Boston	60
Effex South District	Hon. Benj ^a Goodhue Esq ^r of Salem	60
Effex North District	Hon Bailey Bartlett Esq ^r of Ha- verhill	60
Middlefix District,	Hon. Eleazer Brooks Esq ^r of Lincoln	60
Hampshire South District	Hon Will ^m Sheperd Esq ^r of Westfield	61
Hampshire North District	Hon Eben ^r Mattoon Ju ^r Esq ^r of Amherst	60
Plymouth District	Hon Will ^m Sever Esq ^r of Kingston	60
Barnstable District.	Eben ^r Bacon Esq ^r of Barnstable . .	60
Bristol District.	Hon. George Leonard Esq ^r of Norton	60
Worcester South District	Joseph Allen Esq ^r of Worcester	61
Worcester North District	Hon. Josiah Stearns Esq ^r of Lunenburg	61
Berkshire District.	Hon David Rofsiter Esq ^r of Rich- mond	60
Norfolk District.	Hon Cotton Tufts Esq ^r of Weymouth	60
York District	Hon John Lord Esq ^r of Berwick . . .	61

Cumberland District. Hon Isaac Parker Esq ^r of Portland	61
Lincoln District. Hon Tho ^s Rice Esq ^r of Wiscasset	60
Kennebeck District. Sam ^l S. Wilde Esq ^r of Hollowell	61
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at Large { Hon. James Sullivan Esq ^r of Boston	88
{ Hon. Elbridge Garey Esq ^r of Cambridge	87
Suffolk District Hon. James Bowdin Esq ^r of Boston	87
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North D ^o D ^o Doc ^t Tho ^s Kittridge of Andover	88
Middlefex — D ^o Hon. James Winthrop Esq ^r of Cambridge	88
South Hampshire D ^o Jon ^a Smith Ju ^r Esq ^r of W. Springfield	87
North. D ^o D ^o Edward Upham Esq ^r of New Salem	88
Plymouth. — D ^o Hon. James Warren Esq ^r of Plymouth	88
Bristol — D ^o Hon Josiah Deane Esq ^r of Raynham	88
Barnstable — D ^o Hon John Davis Esq ^r of Barnstable	88
South Worcester — D ^o Gen. Tim ^o Newell of Sturbridge	87
North D ^o D ^o Gen. John Whiting of Lancaster	87
Berkshire — D ^o Hon John Bacon Esq ^r of Berkshire	88
Norfolk — D ^o Hon. Will ^m Heath of Roxbury	88
York — D ^o Hon John Woodman Esq ^r of Buxton	87
Cumberland — D ^o Hon Charles Turner Esq ^r of Turner	87
Kennebeck Hancock & Washington. Col Tho ^s Fillebrown of Hollowell	87
Lincoln. John Forbes Esq ^r of New Castle	88
Suffolk District. Charles Jarvis of Boston	1

[201] This meeting dissolved.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge		
Amos Putnam		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

*The arrangement in the original makes the remainder of the record of the votes a second column beside the first.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
 (Seal) warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Fitchburg duly qualified to vote for representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth viz. the Male inhabitants of said Town being twenty One years of Age, and resident in said Town for the space of One year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said Town of the Annual income of Ten dollars or any other estate to the value of Two hundred dollars, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on munday the fifth day of November next being the first munday in said month, at four OClock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester North District.

Given under our hands & Seals this twelfth day of Oct^r AD. 1804.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen.
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned John Willard Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 5th day of Nov^r 1804 for the purpose of chusing a representative, for the north Worcester district, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to represent us in the Congress of the United States.

The town being assembled, the votes called for, and brought in, Counted & Sorted, and declaration made of the persons voted for, and was follows viz.

For The Hon Will ^m Stedman Esq ^r	46
For Gen John Whiting	70

this meeting dissolved

Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen.
Abijah Goodridge }

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
(Seal) Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings
to meet and assemble at the meeting house on munday the fifth day of November next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will show cause why the prayer of the Petition of Daniel Putnam and others, praying that the Congregational Church in Fitchburg may be incorporated, should not be granted, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

3 To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to supply the pulpet, or act any thing theiron.

4 To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

5 To see what the Town will do with the Stoves belonging to the Town, or act any thing in regard to disposing of them they think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us, on or before said day. Given under our hand and Seals this fifteenth day of Oct^r AD. 1804.

Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen.
Abijah Goodridge }
Amos Putnam }

[202] Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned, and notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as theirin exprest to assemble at the time & place, and for the purpofes within mentioned.

John Willard Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 5th day of Nov^r 1804.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator.

On motion. Voted to oppose the Petition of Daniel Putnam Esq^r & others, respecting a fund.

Voted to chuse a committee to make a Draft, for a remonstrance to oppose the Petition of Daniel Putnam Esq^r and others, respecting a fund, to be presented to the present General Court at their third Sefsions.

Voted that the Committee consist of Seven.

Voted & chose Will^m Cuninghame, Thomas Cowdin, Edward Durant, Israel Turner Esq^r David Boutell, Peter Snow & Timothy Garfield, a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to adjourn the meeting for half an hour, in order for the committee to make their report.

The Town meet according to adjournment, and the meeting opened.

The Committee made their report as follows (viz.)

The committee to whome it was refered to draft a Remonstrance against the Petition of Daniel Putnam & others, beg lieve to make the following Report.

W^m Cuninghame per order.

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts.

The Inhabitants of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester in legal Town meeting assembled, beg leave to Remonstrate against the Petition of Daniel Putnam & others for an Act of Incorporation.

The Petition sets forth, that Since the Ordination of the Reverend M^r Worcester in 1797 "A Baptist society and two Universal societies were formed in the Town, which together formed a major part of the legal voters in the Town, so that at the two Annual march Meetings in 1801 and 1802 no vote could be obtained to afevs M^r Worcester's salary." The whole number of persons in the Town of all denominations who are cleared from ministerial taxes by certificates, in the manner required by law, is thirty nine; not one of these we believe ever voted

against the assesment of M^r Worcester's salary. In respect to dissenters from the Congregationalists their is not, in any point, a material variation from the circumstances of the Town for a long period before M^r Worcester's settlement. Exclusive of all dissenters their is a great majority of the Town in opposition to the petitioners, who stile themselves "The Congregational Church," but are here and in this vicinity denominated "Hopkinsians," and are avowedly such. Those acquainted with the true principles of the controversy, both Clergy and Laity, are generally agreed that the petitioners are the seceders from the Congregational order in this place. Occasionally, as they may have conceived would best answer their designs, they have called themselves "the Church"—"The Church of Christ"—"The first Congregational Church"—The regular Congregational Church "The Strict Calvinistic Church"—and "The regular Congregational Constitutional Church;" and these titles they have at different times, assumed and asserted. The whole history of the Church in New England, for a century past will not perhaps, exhibit so much Ecclesiastical Tyranny as has [203] has ben displayed by the Small body of Hopkinsians in this Town for the Short space of five years. They have excommunicated from their society Six and Suspended from their communion two, and pass^d votes purposely to prevent the occasional communion with them of persons in regular Standing in Congregational Churches. The characters of the Excommunicated and Suspended persons are of estimation in society, and with One exception are irreproachable as to morality and general deportment. One, in particular, highly respected for his exemplary life and a long course of Usefulness in a number of Publick stations was, at the venerable age of Sixty nine sacrificed to their relentless rigour. The Excommunicant above excepted from this just description of the character of the others, has ben restored to the society from which he was expelled, they refusing the restoration of the others contrary to the Result of a Mutual Council, a majority of which was of their own appointment. These truths are manifested in Solomn acts of Council, and in correct publication before the community. The dec-

laration in the petition that "persons who before had been members of the univarsal society, with two or three others, were collected and recognized as a Church," is a misrepresentation, the wickedness, of which is aggravated by appearances of intention. It is observeable that the petitioners State that the lately recognized Church was formed of persons who before had been members of the Universal society" which can apply but to One, they before had said there were "two universal societies." At the time of the Call of the Candidate refered to in the petition, there existed in the Town no more than the small number of professed Universalists who do not interfere in the management of the Ecclesiastical concerns of the Town. It is plainly, and without doubt designedly, insinuated in the petition that the Church now in connection and associated with the Town was composed from among them. The insinuation is contemptible in the petitioners as Men, and is criminal in them as professing Christians. The Town suppose that a society is Alluded to by the petitioners that had a temporary duration under the name of the "Fitchburg Universal Christian Society." But this society was abolished soon after its formation. And for more than eighteen months proceeding the recognition of the Church now connected and associated with the Town. this Society, like many which took their rise in times of religious despotism, and intolerance was formed in the midst of the oppressions and persecutions of the Hopkinsian Church, which was then the only Church in the Town.

It was instituted in a mistaken hope of refuge and of public usefulness, and has these motives for its apology. Its provisions being found inadequate to its objects—caused its dissolution. This state of things, in connection with a formal vote which the Town conceived they might consistently with the conditions of their contract, pass for his dismissal, explain the reason why the Town did not vote Mr Worcester's salary at the periods specified in the petition. The obstacles to Union that our opposers pretend were created by that compact, were by their own acknowledgement wholly removed, for they declare that

they "Voted to Join with those Who had been the means of removing their Pastor" (meaning the associates in the compact.) "in hearing Candidates for the Gospel Ministry as though no difficulties had heretofore existed." It is a truth that may be asserted with the utmost confidence, that the whole work of "discord" here originated with and has been unremittingly prolonged by the Hopkinsians party. Full in proof of this is their own declaration that as soon as the Town refused to concur with them in the Case of a Candidate, they "proceeded in employing, hiring and paying" instructors of their own choice. Then it was that "all hope of harmony vanished." Then was destroyed "all hope of reconciliation." The Town cannot refrain from an expression of their astonishment that all this should be done by those who have arrogated to themselves exclusively the distinction of friends of "Religion and order," but whose whole conduct has formed a striking contrast to their pretensions. If it would not be tedious and unnecessary we would be circumstantial. Transactions are plenteous and plenary to our purpose. We shall pass them over with one exception:—The history of fanatics seem sufficiently to Authorise the suspicion of their inconsistencies to preclude a particular recital of their gross and repeated absurdities. To the long catalogue of irreligious and disorderly Acts we have one to mention of our opposers flagrantly repugnant to the social regulations that are intended for the preservation of our rights civil and sacred:—They while as at present, the Minority of this corporation, Still holding their connection with the Town, and Still impelling and embarrassing to the utmost of their power, all regular proceedings for the Settlement [204] Settlement of a minister, did by an Ecclesiastical Council Specially selected, in disregard of a solemn protest of the majority, place over them an Instructor!

This conduct so hostile to Religion and order is, we presume, unprecedented in the Church Annals of our Country, And we appeal to the impartial whether it must not have been directed by the first feelings of that dreadful exterminating spirit which, in the name of the God of

Merey, has scourged the earth with merciless vengeance? Were not this Council actuated by the proud and overbearing spirit of Dioseurus? And did they not practice as if, like Valentinian, they had power to direct who, as God's vicegerents, should be umpires in all religious matters, and licensors and dictators of preachers and preaching?

"There being no religious society in the Town with which the Church, and the worshippers adhering to them, could Join without doing violence to their consciences," was no more than was the Case with a much greater number in opposition to them, And was the Occasion of the Recognition of a Church upon the rational and Catholic principles of the Congregational Churches of New England.

Your, Remonstrants are equally sensible with the Petitioners that "the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth give liberty of conscience to all men." But no liberty is given by our Constitution and Statutes to contravene the regulations, nor disturb the tranquillity of society.

The petitioners State that they have provided a method for Supporting "the Gospel in a way not grievous to themselves, nor burdensome to any around them." The Town sincerely wish the petitioners all possible consolation and religious improvement under the arrangements they have made for establishing in this region the discipline and the principles they practice and profess. But we beg protection from their enforcement of either by any schemes they may have devised. under the apparently liberal offer of maintaining the Gospel ministry is, we apprehend disguised the projects for recruiting Auxiliaries in a warfare of principles. The request for the exemption from taxes elsewhere of those who may merely assemble with the petitioners in publick worship is most obviously of a disorganizing nature and tendency, not calculated to "promote religion, harmony and good order in Society," And for these reasons will, we are confident, be rejected by the Guardians of the public order and peace. We are persuaded that the enlightened Government of Massachusetts

will never sanction principles that have a direct tendency to Give to the spirit of Proselytism, a power to prevent many to a league in plots.

The Town beg leave farther to represent to the Honorable Court, that of the Subscribers to the proposed fund seventeen are not voters in Town affairs, and that the personal security of a considerable part of them would not be accepted where their circumstances are known.

Their "obligations" would form a curious basis for a permanent fund, for the dispensation of the Gospel, free of expence to the poor.

The list of male voters in the Town comprises 181 of whome 52 are reputed Hopkinfians (43 having signed the fund,) and 39 cleared by Certificates from Ministeral taxes, leaving on the side of the Town in the Religious controversy 91, who have regularly and Uniformly attended to the maintenance of the Gospel ministry in the Town. But deducting as Hopkinfians those only who have subscribed to the fund and the number on the side of the Town will be 99.

The strength of the Hopkinsians relatively to the Town is less in property than in numbers. Adopting the table of Valuation as the rule to determine the proportion they bear, we find the value of the Estates of all the Hopkinsians who have signed to the Fund, to be 1579. that of all other persons, exclusively of the 39. exempted from Ministeral taxes, 4263. The Town on another Occasion declared and they now renew the declaration, "That they have not the least aversion to the settlement of a minister by any portion of the people constituted a religious society according to Law." It may be Superfluous to explain the meaning of the Town to be, their entire willingness that each sect may enjoy freely their own settlements, and in their own manner, but under restrictions that shall [205] shall bar their molestations of others, and effectually check all specious and insidious measures to undermine and overthrow society.

Averse to an interruption of the deliberations of the Legislature in the weightier concerns of the Common-

wealth, the Town forbear the minute and unessential particulars of a local controversy. But will supply them, so far as may be necessary, in another manner.

For the reasons they have stated the Town of Fitchburg respectfully request that the petition of Daniel Putnam and others may not be granted on the principles they have proposed.

Voted that the foregoing Remonstrance be accepted, and that it be presented to the Legislature by Joseph Fox Esq; our Representative and that he take with him certified copies of such records on the Towns books, and make such further details as may be necessary.

Voted to raise two hundred dollars to Supply the Pulpit

Voted to chuse a Committee to lay out the money raised to supply the pulpit

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted and chose William Cuningham, Deacon Tilden and David Boutell a committee for the purpose to laying out the two hundred dollars raised to supply the pulpit.

Voted to leive the report of the Committee respecting the Road that leads to Sam^l Taylors with the Selectmen, and for them to settle the besinefs in the best way and manner for the Interest of the Town they can.

Voted to sell the Stoves at Vendue.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to sell the Stoves for the most they will sell for at Vendue and make their report to the Town.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

This certifies that we the Subscribers have this day met at the north East corner of the Town of Westminster, and the northwest corner of Fitchburg and have pre-ambelated the line between the said Towns and renewed the bounds agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth in that case made and provided, and have hereunto inter-

chanably set our names this twenty fourth day of September 1804.

Abijah Goodridge	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Amos Putnam		
Abel Wood	}	Selectmen of Westminster.
Thaddeus Bond		

This day met and preambelated the line between Ashby and Fitchburg and renewed the bounds as the Law directs
Ashby Sep^t 27th 1804

Abijah Goodridge	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Amos Putnam		
Cushing Burr	}	Selectmen of Ashby
W ^m Green		

[206] Worcester fs. To either the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn, verbally, the freeholders & other inhabi-
tants of said Town quallified by law to vote in
town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house
on Munday the fourth day of March instant at eleven of
the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following arti-
cles viz.

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the town will chuse a committee to settle with the Town Treafurer or act any thing theiron.

3^d To see if the Town will vote to let the Swine run at large under the regulations of the Law the year ensuing.

4 To see if the Town will restrict the Cattle from runing at large on the Common & highways the year ensuing, or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and seals this fourth day of March Anno Domini 1805.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants quallified by

law to vote in town meetings to appear at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

John Willard Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the fourth day of March 1805.

Voted and chose Cap^t Edward Durant Moderator.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for two hours then to meet at this place.

The Town meet according to adjornment.

Voted to chuse a committee to settle with the Town treafurer and they to make their report to the Town at sum future meeting.

Voted to chuse Three as a Committee.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^t Doc^t Peter Snow, & Jonas Marshall Ju^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to pafs over the 3rd Article in the Warrant respecting the Hoggs runing at large

Voted that all cattle be restrained from going at large the present year.

This meeting difsolved. Edward Durant Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[207] Worcester. fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town
 (Seal) quallified by law to vote in town meeting, to meet
 (Seal) & asemble at the meeting house on munday the
 (Seal) fourth day of march next, at nine of the Clock in
 the forenoon to act on the following Articles viz.

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see what method the Town will take to notify and warn their town meetings the year ensuing, or act any thing theiron.

3. To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and other Town officers as the Law directs, and act

any thing in regard to chusing Collectors, the Town may think propper.

4 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair their Higways & bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to repairing any particular bridge they may think propper.

5 To see what Sum of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the Town.

6 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Support of schools, the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.

7 To see what method the Town will take to Support their Poor the year ensuing or act any thing theiron.

8 To see if the Town will accept any road laid out by the Selectmen.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to supply the Pulpit the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to laying out the money they think proper.

10 To see what order the town will take respecting a number of Certificates presented to the Selectmen from certain persons denominating themselves Strict Calvinists, or act any thing theiron.

11 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to lay out the New burying ground in regular form, or act any thing theiron.

12 To see if the Town will dispose of the Hooppoles on the towns land, or act any thing theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and Seals this fifteenth day of February AD. 1805.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow.	
Abijah Goodridge.	
Amos Putnam	

Persuant to the within warrant I have Summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as theirin expressed to assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

William Brown Ju^r Constable

[208] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 4th day of March 1805.

Voted and chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator.

Voted that the Town meetings for the future be warned as heretofore

Voted and chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Voted to chuse five Selectmen for the present year.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Reuben Smith Doc^t Peter Snow, Abijah Goodridge & Amos Putnam

. Selectmen

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee Town Treasurer.

Voted to chuse three Affessors the present year.

Voted & Chose Israel Turner Esq^r Reuben Smith & Doc^t Peter Snow Affessors

Voted to let out the Collectorship upon the hundred pound to the lowest bidder at the house of Cap^t W^m Browns at four OClock this afternoon, the person, or persons, who bids of the Collectorship to bring two good bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town, the Selectmen to be a committee for this purpose, and they to make their report to the Town at the adjournment.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Jabez Sawyer, Abijah Goodridge, Amos Parce, Deacon Joseph Tilden, Asa Farwell, Abial Holt, Samuel Gibson Ju^r Josiah Macintire, Simeon Farwell Jacob Upton, Elias Macintire, Cap^t Edward Durant, Samuel Harris & Cap^t John Upton

. Highway Surveyors.

Voted that the pay p^r hour, cattle &c to be allowed for the same as last year, the Surveyors to be governed by that rule.

Voted & chose Amos Parce, Leiu^t Joseph Farwell, Ezekiel Knolton Aaron Houghton, Thomas Leitch, Blany Sampson Abijah Hartwell, & James Wares. Hogreves

Voted and chose John. R. Kemp & Joseph Downe Ju^r

. Cullers of hoops & Staves.

Voted and chose Timothy Garfield & Joseph Simons

. Sealors of leather

Voted and chose Afa Farwell & Tho^s Hilton

. Firewards

Voted and chose Person Brown & Joseph Willard

. Field drivers

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall Jur^r . . . Pound keeper

Voted & chose William Cuningham & Stephen Thurston Tythingmen

Voted & chose John Willard, Daniel Harrifs, & Liu^t Aaron Eaton Surveyors of Lumber

Voted and chose David Macintire & Israel Turner Esq^r Fence Viewers

\$700.00 Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to repair the highways & Bridges the present year.

[209] Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjornment & the meeting oppened.

\$550.00 Voted to raise Five hundred & fifty dollars to defray the necessary expences of the Town

\$600.00 Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to support the schools the present year.

Voted to chuse a committeeman from each school dextrict to meet and consider what each dextrict shall draw in money for their propotion of the whole sum raised, and make their report at the adjornment of this meeting.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Asa Perry, Israel Turner Esq^r Eph^r Osborn, David Pratt, Thomas Cowdin, Reuben Smith, Joseph Polley, Benj^a Herrick, Daniel Putnam Esq^r & Jacob Gibson a committee for the above purpose.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Maj^r John Goodridge, Paul Wetherbee Ephraim Osborn, Afa Farwell, Joshua Phillips Cap^t Selvester, George Wood, Benj^a Herrick, Samuel Caswell, & Daniel Holt, School Committee

Voted that the Poor be let out at publick vendue at five oClock this afternoon, at the house of Cap^t William Browns to the lowest bidder by the weak, or year, as shall be agreed upon by the Selectmen, they to make their report to the Town at the adjornment.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmens laying out a road from David Bawldins house where it is now trod so

far as to meet the town road that goes by David Pratts which report is as follows (viz)

The Subscribers have laid out a two rod road from Mr David Baldwin house, where it is now trod, so far as to meet the town road that goes by Mr David Pratts house. The land is given & no expence to the Town.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Fitchburg Febr̄y 15th 1805

Voted to raise Four hundred dollars to supply the Pulpit the present year.

Voted to chuse a committee to supply the Pulpit.

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Deacon Joseph Tilden, David Boutell, & Timothy Garfield a committee for the above purpose to lay out the Four hundred dollars

Voted to pafs over the 10th article in the warrant respecting sum Certificates presented to the Selectmen from certain persons denomenating themselves Strict Calvinists.

Voted to pafs over the 11th article in the warrant respecting laying out the burying ground, in regular form,

Voted to pafs over the 12th article in the warrant respecting cuting hoop poles on the towns land,

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first munday in April at One oClock in the afternoon, at this place,

April 1st 1805 The Town meet according to adjornment & the meeting opened

The Committee appointed to consider and report respecting laying out the school money, made their report as follows (viz)

At a meeting of a committee, consisting of one man from each school district, chosen by the Town to agree upon, and report to the Town at the adjornment of March meeting [210] meeting, what each school destrict shall draw in money as their propotion of the whole sum raised for schooling the present year, on the 18th day of March 1805 the committee meet and have agreed upon the following, for the consideration of the Town (viz)

	proposed the present year	Drew last year	varaaion in the sums between this year, & last.
Deſtrict N ^o 1	\$100..00.2	\$127..04.2	\$27..04.0 Short
N ^o 2	50..00.0	54..44.0	4..44.0 Short
N ^o 3	50..53.7	52..53.7	2..00.0 Short
N ^o 4	47..75.0	47..75.0	0..00.0 no defirence
N ^o 5	41..79.0	25..79.0	16..00.0 more
N ^o 6	49..19.0	39..19.0	10..00.0 more
N ^o 7	50..31.4	44..89.4	5..42.0 more
N ^o 8	47..43.0	36..43.0	11..00.0 more
N ^o 9	56..00.4	64..94.4	8..94.0 Short
N ^o 10	60..68.5	70..68.5	10..00.0 Short
N ^o 11	46..29.8	36..29.8	10..00.0 more

Voted not to accept the report of the committee reſpecting laying out the ſchool money the preſent.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for One hour, then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment, and the meeting opened.

Voted that five hundred & Sixty dollars be laid out of the ſchool money the preſent year according to the number of ſchollars in each deſtrict, And forty dollars to be deſtributed by the Selectmen amongst the ſmall deſtricts according to their beſt Judgment.

Voted to chuſe a committee to view the propoſed road from Sam^l Phelp^s to the meeting houſe.

Voted that the Committee conſiſt of Seven, and they to have no pay for their Services as Committeemen from the Town.

Voted & choſe Iſrael Turner Eſq^r Reuben Smith, Cap^t Aaron Wheeler, Doe^t Peter Snow David Boutell, John Thurſton Ju^r & Joſeph Richardson.

Voted that the above committee attend to the beſineſs of viewing between this & May meeting and they to report at the may meeting, whether it is expedient to lay out a road their or not.

Voted to accept the report of the committee that was choſen to ſettle with the Town Treasuſer, which report is as follows (viz)

The Subscribers a committee chosen by the Town to Settle with the Town Treasurer do make the following report. (Viz.)

We find in the Treasurers hands a note against Eph ^r Kimboll dated Jan 30 th 1800 of \$100..00	
four years Interest paid	\$100..00
Also one note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due besides the Interest	3..50
Also one other note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^{mr} 30 th 1798 due besides the Interest .	19..00
Also a note against Maj ^r John Goodridge dated Decemb ^r 24 th 1802 due on s ^d note besides Interest	5..18
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1803 the sum of *	28..00
We find in the hands of Thomas French Collector for the year 1803 the sum of	113..88
We find in the hands of W ^m Brown Ju ^r Collector for the year 1804 the sum of	648..66
We find in the hands of John Willard Collector for the year 1804 the sum of	407..17
We find in the hands of the Town Treafurer in cash the sum of	32..03
We find due from the Town to the Wid ^o Hannah Cowdin it being for the old meeting house .	10..23
We find due to the Pew holders in the old meeting house	67..83
Fitchburg March 25 th 1805	

Israel Turner	} Committee
Peter Snow	
Jonas Marshall Ju ^r	

Voted to excuse Cap^t John Upton for Serving as a highway Surveyor the present year.

Voted & chose Abraham Farwell highway Surveyor for the present year in the rome of Cap^t John Upton excused.

[211] Voted and chose Amos Wheeler Tytheingman for the present year.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Cap^t William Browns, and their to open the meeting Emidiately.



CAPT. ISRAEL TURNER.

The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting oppened.

The committee appointed by the Town to let out the Poor have attend the besinefs and beg leave to report as follows (viz)

take 7^{Cents} Samuel French Struck off to Israel Turner Esq^r who is to give seven Cents p^t Weak

give 61^{Cents}. Ephraim Smith Struck off to Benja Ful-ler for Sixty One cents p^t week.

give 3^{Cents}. Mary Wares Struck off to Verien Daniels for three Cents p^t week.

Fitchburg March 4th 1805 Peter Snow p^t order

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

The committee appointed by the Town to let out the Collectorship have attended to the besinefs, & beg leave to report as follows (Viz)

\$1..00 The Collectorship on the South side Struck off to William Brown Ju^r for One dollar on the hundred dol-lars

\$1.09 The Collectorship on the North side, Struck off to John Willard for One dollar & nine Cents on the Hun-dred dollars.

Fitchburg March 4th 1805 Peter Snow p^t Order

Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted to accept of W^m Brown & Doc^t Peter Snow as bondsmen for W^m Brown Ju^r as Collector for the South side the Town.

Sworn Voted & chose William Brown Ju^r Collector for the South side the Town Collector

Sworn Voted and chose William Brown Ju^r Consta-ble for the Town the present year Constable

Voted to accept of John Tilden & David Macintire as bondsmen for John Willard as Collector for the north side the Town.

Voted & chose John Willard Collector for the north side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose John Willard Constable for the Town the present year Constable

Voted to disolve this meeting

Asa Perry Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg, of Twenty one years of age and upwards,
(Seal) having a freehold estate within this Common-
wealth, of the annual income of Ten dollars, or any estate to the value of Two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting house on Munday the first day of April next, at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for Govener, Leu! Gov! And Senators & Councillors agreable to the Constitution of S! Commonwealth. Given under our hands & seals at said Fitchburg this Eleventh day of March AD. 1805

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Amos Putnam		

[212] Persuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned
W^m Brown Jun^r Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the first day of April, 1805 to vote for Gov! Leiu! Gov! Senators & Councillors.

The meeting being oppened. Votes for the following persons ware given in, counted & sorted. And a recorded and declaration theirof made as by the Constitution directs (viz)

	Govener	
For His Exelancy Caleb Strong		82
Hon James Sullivan		87

Leiu^t Govener

For His Hon ^r Edward. H. Robins	77
Gen ^r William Heath	79

Senators and Councillors.

Hon Elijah Brigham Esq ^r 72	Gen ^r John Whiting	83
Hon Daniel Bigelow Esq ^r 72	Sam ^l Jones Esq ^r 83	
Hon Salem Town Esq ^r 72	Edw ^d Bangs Esq ^r 83	
Hon Thomas Hale Esq ^r 72	Pliney Mirick Esq ^r 83	

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.	

Fitchburg Jan 15th 1805

The subscribers have this day Made a division of the school money which is as follows (Viz)

N ^o 1 Peter Snow Committee	\$127..04..2
N ^o 2 Afa Perry D ^o	54..44..0
N ^o 3 Person Brown D ^o	52..53..7
N ^o 4 Timothy. F. Downe D ^o	47..75..0
N ^o 5 Samuel Harrifs D ^o	25..79..0
N ^o 6 Benj ^a Hartwell D ^o	39..19..0
N ^o 7 Joshua Stickney D ^o	44..89..4
N ^o 8 David Macintire D ^o	36..43..0
N ^o 9 Thomas Thurston D ^o	64..94..4
N ^o 10 Joseph Richardson D ^o	70..68..5
N ^o 11 Timothy Batchelor D ^o	36..29..8

Israel Turner	} Selectmen.
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

[213] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
 (Seal) the free holders and other inhabitants of said town
 (Seal) quallified by law to vote in town meetings to meet
 & assemble at the meeting house on the sixteenth
 day of May at two of the Clock P. M. to act on the fol-
 lowing articles. Viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will vote that the people who attend on the ministry of the Rev^d Titus, T. Barton should be incorporated into a religious society, on the prinables that the joint Committee of the General Court in the last Sefsions, Stated in the report they had formed on the petition of Daniel Putnam & others.

3^d To see if the Town will erect a Monamental Stone with Suitable inscriptions over the Grave of the late Rev^d John Payson.

4th To see if the Town will accept of a report of a committee chosen to view the proposed road from Samuel Phelps to the meeting house, or act any thing in regard to accepting the road they shall think proper.

5th To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to support a singing school, or act any thing they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to sum one of us on or before said day. Given under our hands & Seals this first day of May Anno Domini 1805.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have summonsd and notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to assemble at the time & place, and for the purpofes within mentioned William Brown Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday y^e 16th day of May 1805.

Voted & Chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted that the Town of Fitchburg do freely and fully consent—That those persons in said Town who Stile themselves, The striet Calvinistic Society in said Town, be Incorporated into a Body Politic agreable to the Report of the Committee of both houses of the Legislature, of which The Honorable William Brown was Chairman, on the Petition of Daniel Putnam & others, expresed in the

following words—“That the said Daniel Putnam and others, and those in said Fitchburg who shall unite with them for Religious Worship in the Space of six months from the date of their Incorporation, with their Polls & Estates, may be Incorporated into a Religious Congregational Calvinistic Society in Fitchburg, with full powers to manage any Funds or Donations which they do or may possess, for the support of their public Worship; with their right to the common Lands belonging to the said Town of Fitchburg, in proportion to their Valuation, with the right and power also, of assessing and Collecting Parish Taxes as the Law directs, provided they present their Petition at the first Session of the next General Court.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until another meeting is over respecting the choice of a Representative.

[214] The town meet according to adjournment

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant

*The Subscribers have laid out a town road as follows Beginning at the town road between Mr Samuel Phelps & Mr Jacob Jaquiths and runs as follows (viz) beginning upon the Town road leading to the school house from Mr Jacob Jaquiths beginning One rod west of the line between Mr Sam^l Phelps & Mr Jacob Jaquith, Courses & distance as follows viz South 21° west 65 rods then South 13° W 10 rods, then South 14° W 8 rods, then South 24° W. 6 rods, then South 21° W. 14 rods, then West 41°. S. 31 rods, then West 27°. S. 10 rods, then West 31°. S. 18 rods then South 43° W. 19 rods, then South 15° W. 90 rods, then South 25° W. 58 rods then South 35°. W. 24 rods, then South 23°. W. 10 rods, then South 11°. W. 10 rods, then South 19°. W. 10 rods, then South 17°. W. 16 rods, then South 5°. W 18 rods, then South 18°. W 8 rods then West 35°. South 18 rods total four hundred & forty three rods. the road is expected will all be given except through a corner of Cap^l Will Browns land we have appraised the damage to him at Eighteen dollars

March 30th 1805.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

*Discontinued March, 1810.

The committee chosen by the Town to veiw the proposed road leading from Samuel Philp's land to the meeting house have attend the besinefs & beg leave to report as follows Viz.

That your committee are of opinion that the road lately laid out by the Selectmen is the best rout to accomodate the Inhabitants in the north quarter of the Town, and that the Town accept the road on the following conditions that the Town pay all the damage thro the land belonging to the heirs of Joseph Low & Cap^t William Browns only, and that the Town have the benefit of the Subscription Subscribed to be worked on the road under the direction of a committee chosen for that purpose

Fitchburg May 16th 1805

Israel Turner	} Committee
Joseph Richardson	
Peter Snow	
Reuben Smith	

Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting the above described road upon the conditions expressed by the last committee.

Voted to chuse a Committee to See that the work subscribed be faithfully worked out on the road

Voted & chose Seven a committee for the above purpose viz Joseph Richardson Samuel Caswell Ju^r Samuel Phelps, Doc^t Peter Snow, John Farwell Ju^r Oliver Fox & Cap^t Allen Hallet.

Voted to difsolve this meeting. the meeting was accordingly difsolved

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

The following is affixed to page 214:

Fitchburg May the 29 1805

This may Certify that I Calvin Meflinger have given Leave for the Road Lately Laid out by the Selectmen to go through my Land where they Laid it out by Receiving Pay for the Land in proportion to what I gave for the Land by the Acre & not to have any Gangway below the Bridge

Att Palamudus Perkins
Amos Lawrence J^r

Calvin Meflinger

[215] Worcester, fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said Town being
(Seal) twenty one years of age and resident in said Town
for the Space of one year next preceeding, having
a freehold estate within said Town of the annual income
of Ten dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred
dollars to meet at the meeting house on the Sixteenth day
of may at four of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of
choosing a representative to represent them at the General
Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the
last Wednesday of May

Given under our hands & seals at said Fitchburg the
first day of May 1805

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }
Abijah Goodridge }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and
warned the male inhabitants of said Town qualified as
theirin exprefsed to meet at the time & place and for the
purpose within mentioned.

William Brown Ju^r Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg asembled on thursday the 16th day of May
1805 for the purpose of chusing a Representative.

The meeting opened by reading the warrant, the
Selectmen presided

A motion was made & seconded to see if the Town
will send a representative the present year. The Vote
call^d for and pass^d in the affirmative.

Voted & chose Deacon Samuel Gibson to represent
them in General Court the year ensuing.

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
(Seal) said Town Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to afsemble and meet at the Meeting house on Munday the 16th day of this Instant, at one OClock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting.

2nd To see wheather the Town will Chuse an agent or agents to defend an action commineed against the town by the Town of Nubury, or act any thing theiron as they may think propper.

3^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to compleat fencing the New burying ground

4^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of any road laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

5^{ly} To see if the Town will give liberty to have a road made through the towns land Southwest of where the road is now trod.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing theiron. [216] theiron on or before said day given under our hands at Fitchburg this second day of December AD. 1805.

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen.
Abijah Goodridge }
Amos Putnam }

Pursuant to the within warrent I have Summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin expresed, to afsemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned. W^m Brown Ju^r Constable.

Fitchburg December 16th 1805.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on munday the 16th day of December 1805.

Voted and chose M^r Thomas Cowdin Moderator.

Voted to chuse two agents to defend the action the town of Nubury has commineed against the Town of

Fitchburg, to be heard and tryed at Ipfwich in the County of Effex on the last munday of December Instant, for the support of Rhoda Thurlo, they, or either of them to manage the besinefs in behalf of the Town.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox & Israel Turner Esq^r: Agents for the above purpose.

Voted to build a stone wall at the east & west ends of the New burying ground.

Voted to fence the back side of the New burying ground with a Virginia fence, with chesnut timber.

Voted to chuse a committee to see that the fence is made agreable to what is proposed.

Voted to chuse three as a committee for the above purpose

Voted and Chose M^r: Abijah Goodridge, M^r: Asa Perry and Cap^t: Edward Durant a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the fence above proposed to be built, to be done according to the best Judgment of the Committee.

Voted to pafs over the last article in the warrant.

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Thomas Cowdin Moderator.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

At the above meeting the Town voted to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen provided their shall be no expence to the Town, more than common highway work, which road is described as follows. Viz.

A mamaramandam of a road, or an alteration of a Town road laid out by the Subscribers Near M^r: Thomas Cowdins viz:

Begining at the road now occupied at the upper end of a wall about twenty rods northeast of said Cowdins house, and runing Southwesterly by Stakes and one small chefnut tree on the Southeast side of said road about forty eight rods to the road, from whence it began. the proposed alteration will shorten the way about six rods.

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen.
Amos Putnam }

N. B. done by request of M^r: Thomas Cowdin.

[217] The Subscribers appointed by the Town to make a Division of the school money have attended to that besinefs and hence the division which is as follows Viz.

Distric	N ^o 1.	Joseph Fox Esq ^r	Committeeman	\$130..55.2
	N ^o 2.	John Goodridge	D ^o . . .	46..80.0
	N ^o 3.	Paul Wetherbee	D ^o . . .	46..94.5
	N ^o 4.	Ephraim Osborn	D ^o . . .	51..53.3
	N ^o 5.	Asa Farwell	D ^o . . .	35..76.7
	N ^o 6.	Joshua Phillips	D ^o . . .	38..35.5
	N ^o 7.	Lem ^l H. Sylvester	D ^o . . .	45..79.1
	N ^o 8.	George Wood	D ^o . . .	44..93.8
	N ^o 9.	Benj ^a Herrick	D ^o . . .	60..12.3
	N ^o 10.	Samuel Caswell	D ^o . . .	63..55.8
	N ^o 11.	Daniel Holt	D ^o . . .	35..63.8

\$600..00.0

Fitchburg Jan ^y 6 th 1806.	Israel Turner Reuben Smith Peter Snow Abijah Goodridge Amos Putnam	}	Selectmen
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Worcester. fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town quallified by law to vote in town meetings, to meet and assemble at the meeting house on monday the third day of March next, at nine of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, Viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To chuse Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and other town officers as the law directs, and act any thing in regard to chusing Collectors the town may think propper.

3 To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

4 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to laying out the money they think proper.

6 To see what method the Town will take to Support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing theiron.

7 To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

8 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

9 To see if the Town will allow the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the present year.

[218] 10 To see if the Town will give a bounty for killing Crows the year ensuing or act any thing theiron.

11 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with Doc^t Jonas Marshall respecting a law suit with Cap^t Elifha Smith, he being an agent for the town or act any thing theiron.

12 To see if the Town will provide a Carriage to carry the dead to the graveyard, or act any thing theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day with your doings theiron.

Given under our hands & seals this thirteenth day of February AD 1806.

Reuben Smith }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Amos Putnam }

Persuant to the within Warrant I have summoned, and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purpofes within mentioned

William Brown Jun^r. Constable
Fitchburg 3rd March 1806.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on monday the 3rd day of March 1806.

Voted and Chose Mr Asa Perry Moderator

Voted and Chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Voted and chose Mr Paul Wetherbee Town Treasurer.

Voted to chuse Five Selectmen for the present year.

Voted & Chose Doc^t Peter Snow, Deacon John Thurston Ju^r Mr David M^s Intire, Mr Thomas Cowdin & Mr Jo^s Simonds Selectmen

Voted that the three first Selectmen be afessor for the present year, viz

Doc^t Peter Snow, Deacon John Thurston Ju^r & Mr David M^s Intire Affessors

Voted to adjorn this meeting for One hour.

The Town meet according to adjornment.

Voted to let out the Collectorship upon the hundred pound to the lowest bidder at the house of Cap^t William Browns at five OClock this afternoon, the person, or persons, who bid off the Collectorship to bring two good bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town the last years, and this present years Selectmen to be a committee for this purpose, and they to make their report to the Town at the adjornment.

[219] Voted and Chose Joseph Farwell, Thomas Eaton, Cap^t James Cowdin W^m Cuningham, Benj^a Kemp, Joseph Simons, Amos Lawrance Ju^r Solomon Carlton, Samuel Phelps, Paul Wetherbee, Cap^t S. Flint, Benj^a Herrick, W^m Kilborn, Daniel Harrifs, & Eph^r Smith,

. Highway Surveyors

Voted that the pay p^t hour for Men, And for Cattle &c p^t day at highway work, be the same allowed as last year, and the Surveyors to govern themselves accordingly.

Voted & chose Mr Daniel Farwell, Sam^l Taylor, Samuel Cowdin Daniel Hodgskin, John Goodridge Ju^r Phillip Cowdin, Sam^l Caswell Ju^r Joel Eaton, Nehemiah Andrews, George. S. Putnam, David M^s Intire, and Joseph Boynton. Hogreves

Voted and chose John. R. Kemp & Joseph Downes Jun^r Coller of hoops & Staves.

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds & Timothy Garfield

. Sealers of leather

Voted and chose Amos Parce & Jonas Marshall Jun^r

. Firewards

Voted and Chose Benj^d Fuller & Ephraim Kindall
Field drivers.

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall Ju^r Pound keeper

Voted and chose Verien Daniels, Timothy Demon & Tim^d Garfield Tythingmen

Voted & chose Cap^t Aaron Eaton & John Willard
Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted & chose Phillip Cowdin, John Willard & Asa Perry
Fence viewers

\$700.00 Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to repair the highways & bridges the present year.

\$600.00 Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray the Necessary expences the present year.

\$600.00 Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to support the schools the present year.

Voted to lay out the school money the same as last year.

Voted & chose John Farwell Ju^r Asa Perry, Simeon Farwell, Daniel Harrifs, Daniel Farwell Ju^r Seth Phillips, George. S. Putnam Cap^t Selvester. P. Flint, William Bolton, Sam^l Phelps, & Daniel Andrews

School Committeemen

Voted that the Selectmen see to the Supporting of the Poor in the best way and manner they can for the Interest of the Town.

Voted to chuse a committee of three to Settle with the Town Treasurer.

Voted and chose John Thurston Ju^r Doc^t Peter Snow, & Joseph Fox a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to pafs over the 9th Article respecting Swines runing at large.

20 ^{Cts} Crows Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorised to pay to any person who shall kill any Crows within the limits of this Town between this and the next march meeting, Twenty Cents for each Crow.

[220] Voted to chuse a Committee to Settle with Doc^t Jonas Marshall he being an agent for the Town, respecting a law Sute the Town had with Cap^t Eliha Smith.

Voted that the Committee consist of Three.

Voted & chose Reuben Smith, Paul Wetherbee & Joseph Fox a committee for the above purpose, and make a report at the adjournment respecting the besinefs.

Voted that the Town provide a carriage to carry the Dead to the grave.

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to procure a Carriage to carry the Dead to the grave, and they to report to the Town the expence for their acceptance.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first monday of April next at three OClock in the afternoon at this place.

The meeting was accordingly adjorned.

On the 7th day of April 1806. being the first monday of April the Town meet according to adjornment.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to Cap^t William Browns at six OClock this afternoon, then & their to proceed to besinefs.

The Town meet according to adjornment at Cap^t W^m Browns and the meeting opened.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to Settle with the Town Treasurer, which report is as follows Viz.

March 6th 1806 The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town to Settle with the Town Treasurer make the following Statement. viz

We find in the Treasurers hands a note against Eph ^t Kimboll for the Sum of \$100.00 dated 30 Jan ^y 1800, on Interest, five years Interest paid	\$100.00
Also two notes against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30, 1798 on Interest both notes amounting too \$22.50. prinsapal	22.50
Also a note against Maj ^t John Goodridge dated 24 Decemb ^r 1802 on Interest	5.18
Also a note against Timothy Garfield dated 3 rd December 1804 on Interest	8.75
Also a note against William Brown Ju ^r dated 3 rd December 1804 on Interest	5.80
Also a note against Joseph Farnsworth dated 3 rd December 1804 on Interest Sum of . . .	6.00

We find due to the Pew holders in the old meeting house the Sum of 67..83
 We find in the hands of W^m Brown Ju^r. Collector for the year 1805 the Sum of 588..32
 We also find in the hands of John Willard Collector for the year 1805 the Sum of 462..22
 We find in the Treasurers hands the Sum of . . . 112..77

We have Setled with the Treasurer and allowed him Twenty four dollars for two years Services which is in full to the 3rd day of March 1806. Peter Snow }
 Joseph Fox } Committee

[221] Voted to excuse William Bolton from Serving as Highway Surveyor the present year.

Voted and chose Benj^a Herrick one of the Surveyors of Highways the present year in the Rhome of William Bolton excused.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to let out the Collectorship which report is as follows Viz.

Agreeable to a vote of the Town pafs^d March 3rd 1806 The committee appointed to let out the Collectorship have attended to the besinefs, and make the following report Viz.

The collection on the South side of the Town is let out to Daniel Farwell Ju^r. for One dollar on the hundred dollars.

The collection on the north side of the Town to Henry Haskiel for One dollar & twelve cents on the hundred dollars. Peter Snow p^r. order of the Committee

Voted to accept of Porter Kimboll as Collector for the South & north sides of the Town in the rome of Daniel Farwell Ju^r. for the South side of the Town & in the rome of Henry Haskiel for the North Side of the Town his bringing Ephraim Kimboll Ju^r. & Daniel Farwell Ju^r. as bondsmen, for which he is to be allowed the same as Farwell & Haskiel bid it of at.

Voted and chose Porter Kimboll Collector for the Town of Fitchburg for the present year . . . Collector

Voted to chuse two Constables for the present year.

Voted & chose Porter Kimball Constable for the present year Constable

Voted & chose Daniel Farwell Ju^r Constable for the present year Constable

The constables, and Collector was notified to take the Oaths required by law by one of the Selectmen viz M^r John Thurston Ju^r

Asa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Mamarandam of the Selectmens report, for providing for the poor. See second leaf from this was not deliv^d to the town Clerk untill may meeting is the reason of its not being reerded in its proper place J. Fox T. Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
(Seal) the male inhabitants of the said Town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg of Twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold estate within this Commonwealth of the Annual income of ten dollars, or any other estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting house on monday the Seventh day of April next, at One of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Govenor, Lieutenant Govenor, and Senators & Counfellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg this 15th day of March 1806

Peter Snow
John Thurston Ju^r }
Tho^s Cowdin } Selectmen
Joseph Simonds }

Persnant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expresed to meet at the time and place for the purpofes therein mentioned.

William Brown Ju^r Constable

Fitchburg April 5th 1806.

[222] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 7th day of April 1806 To vote for Govenor Leiu^t Govenor, Senators & Counfellors.

The meeting being oppened, Votes for the following persons ware given in, counted and Sorted, and recorded, and delaration theirot made as by the Constitution directs, viz.

Govenor

For His Exe Caleb Strong Esq^r 76
 Hon James Sullaven Esq^r 112

Leiu^t Govenor

For His Honor Edw^d H. Robins Esq^r 73
 Gen^l William Heath 114

Senators and Counfellors

Hon Daniel Bigelow Esq^r 74
 Hon Thomas Hale Esq^r 74
 Hon Elijah Brigham Esq^r 74
 Hon Salem Towne Esq^r 74
 Edward Bangs Esq^r 115
 Pliny Mirick Esq^r 115
 Samuel Jones Esq^r 115
 Mofes White Esq^r 115

Peter Snow
 John Thurston Jur^t } Selectmen
 David M^r Intire }
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders, and other inhabitants of
 (Seal) said Town, quallified by Law, to vote in town meetings, to meet and assemble at the meeting house on monday the Seventh day of April next at five of the clock in the afternoon to Act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will consent that an alteration be made on the County road up the sand Hill (so called) thro' the towns land without any expence to the town, or act any thing theiron.

3^d To see if the Town will allow the Cattle to run at large on the Common and Highways the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this 18th day of March AD 1806.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		

Persuant to the within warrant I have Summoned and Notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as their- in Exprestd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Fitchburg 5th April 1806. W^m Brown Ju^r Constable

[223] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on monday the 7th day of April 1806.

Voted and chose M^r Asa Perry Moderator

Voted to pafs over the 2nd article in the warrant

Voted that Cattle be not allowed to go at large on the highways & Common the present year

Voted to defsolve this meeting.

The meeting was accordingly disolved

Asa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said town being
 (Seal) twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town
 for the space of one year next proceeding having a
 freehold estate within said town of the Annual income of

ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting house on Friday the Sixteenth day of May next at four oClock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chusing a representative to represent them, at the General Court appointed to be convened to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg the twenty eight day of of April AD 1806.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen.
John Thurston Ju ^r		
Joseph Simonds		
Tho ^s Cowdin		

Fitchburg May 16th 1806 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said Town, quallified as theirin expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

Porter Kimboll Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg asembled on friday y^e 16th day of May 1806 for the purpose of chusing a representative.

The meeting was oppened by reading the warrant, the Selectmen presided.

A motion was made, & Seconed, to see if the town will send a representative the present year. The vote called for, and pafsed in the affirmative.

Voted & chose Deacon Samuel Gibson to represent them in General Court the year ensuing.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen.
John Thurston Ju ^r		
David M ^r Intire		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

[224] The Selectmen for the Town of Fitchburg agreable to a vote of the Town March 3^d 1806 have attended to the besinefs of providing for the poor and make a statement of the besinefs as follows viz.

Samuel French is let out Israel Turner Esq^r he to

pay the Town thirty three Cents p^r weak for French^s Service \$0..33

Mary Wares to Joshua Parce he to have two cents p^r weak for Supporting her \$0..02

Ephraim Smith to Benj^a Fuller, he to have Seventy five Cents p^r weak for Supporting him \$0..75

this Statement I rec^d of the Selectmen.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of said
(Seal) town qualified by law to vote in town meetings to
(Seal) meet and afsemble at the meeting house on Monday
(Seal) the eighth day of September next at two OClock
P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the town will regulate the list of Jurymen as exhibited by the Selectmen or act any thing theiron the town may think proper.

3 To see if the Town will give the Selectmen any further directions respecting the carriage to carry the Dead on, or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

4 To see if the Town will make A Settlement with M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r respecting the line between said Marshalls land, and the town land or act any thing theiron the town may think proper.

5. To see if the Town will erect a Powder house or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

6. To see what method the town will direct the Constables to Notify the Inhabitants for the choice of Jurymen, or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this eighteenth day of August AD. 1806.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r	
David M ^r Intire.	
Tho ^s Cowdin.	
Joseph Simonds.	

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg Sep^r 8th 1806

Persnant to the within warrant I notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified as the Law directs to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Porter Kimboll Constable for Fitchburg.

[225] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg asembled on monday y^e 8th day of September 1806.

Voted and Chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to regulate the Jury boxes according to Law in behalf of the Town

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to procure a two wheel carriage for the Use of the Town, to carry the Dead to the grave.

Voted to chuse a committee to look into the circumstances of the lines between Mr Jonas Marshall Ju^r and the Towns land in order to form their oppinions respecting a Settlement with said Marshall

Voted that the Committee consist of five.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee for the above purpose, and they to report to the Town at sum future meeting.

Voted to add two to the above Committee, and the Committee to settle with the said Marshall in the best way and manner they can, and in that way that they shall think will be for the Interest of the Town.

Voted & chose Abraham Willard & Joseph Fox to be added to the above Committee

Voted that a Committee be chosen to look out a Suitable place for a Powder house, and Afsertain what in their oppinion will be the best meterials for building the house, and procure a plan of the house, and afsertain the expence as near as they can, and make their report to the town at sum future meeting.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Asa Perry, and Israel Turner Esq^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Constable upon his receiving the

Venires, for Grand & Petit Jurys, give notice to the Selectmen & the Town Clerk, of the time and place for the drawing the Jurymen required by the Venires, And this shall be the method to notify for the drawing of Jurymen in future.

Voted to disolve this meeting.

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting
(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg duly qualified to vote for representatives in the general Court of said commonwealth (Viz) the Male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of One year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the Annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Munday the third day of November next, being the the first munday in said month, at three OClock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a representative of the people of said commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester North district.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of Oct^r AD. 1806.

Peter Snow
John Thurston Jun^r } Selectmen
Thomas Cowdin }

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg Oct^r 20th 1806.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in the choice of representatives to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
Porter Kimball Constable.

[226] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 3rd day of November 1806 it being the first munday in said month for the purpose of chusing a representative for the North Worcester district of the commonwealth of mafsachusetts, to represent us in the Congress of the United States.

The town being assembled, the Votes called for and brought in, counted and Sorted, and declaration made of the persons voted for and was as follows. (Viz.)

For William Stedman Esq^r: Fifty.

General John Whiting Fifty five.

The Selectmen declared this meeting dissolved

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen
David M ^r intire		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

Division of school money for 1806.

The Committee chosen by the town to make a division of the school money have attended to the besinefs, and is as follows, viz.

Ditriect N ^o 1.	John Farwell Committee . . .	\$133..59..5
2.	Afa Perry D ^o . . .	44..17..6
3.	Simeon Farwell D ^o . . .	48..58..4
4.	Daniel Harrifs D ^o . . .	54..90..2
5.	Daniel Farwell Ju ^r D ^o . . .	37..03..5
6.	Seth Phillips D ^o . . .	38..69..6
7.	Geo. S. Putnam D ^o . . .	41..60..1
8.	Selvester. P. Flint D ^o . . .	45..26..1
9.	William Bolton D ^o . . .	54..90..2
10.	Samuel Phelps D ^o . . .	62..22..2
11.	Daniel Andrews D ^o . . .	35..36..6
		\$596..34..0

Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee

[227] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (Seal) town qualified by law to vote in town meetings,
 (Seal) to meet and assemble at the meeting house on
 (Seal) monday the second day of March next at Nine of
 the Clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following arti-
 cles viz.

- 1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To chuse Town Clerk, town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the law directs, and any thing in regard to chusing, Collectors the town may think proper.
- 3 To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.
- 4 To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expence of the town.
- 5 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the schools the year ensuing or act any thing in regard to laying out the money they think proper.
- 6 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the ensuing year, or act any thing thereon.
- 7 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or their order
- 8 To see if the town will chuse a committee to settle with the town treasurer
- 9 To see if the town will allow the Swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the present year.
- 10 To see if the town will give a bounty for killing Crows the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.
- 11 To see if the town will relieve M^r Ephraim Kimball in regard to the Bridge near the Farwells Shop, or act any thing thereon respecting said Bridge they think proper
- 12 To see what method the town will take to notify their town meetings in future, or act any thing thereon.
- 13 To see if the town will purchase a small piece of land in addition to their burying ground, or act any thing thereon they think proper.

14 To see if the town will chuse Saxtons to take care of their burying yards, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seals this ninth day of February AD 1807

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r .		
David Macintire		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds.		

Worcester. fs. February 24th 1807

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned, and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Daniel Farwell Jun^r Constable

[228] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 2nd day of March 1807.

Voted and chose M^r Samuel Gibson Moderator.

Voted & Chose Joseph Fox ^{Sworn} Town Clerk
 Town Clerk

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee ^{Sworn} Treasurer
 Treasurer

Voted to chuse five Selectmen the present year

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow, ^{Sworn} John Thurston Jun^r ^{Sworn} John Willard ^{Sworn} Thomas Cowdin ^{Sworn} & Joseph Simonds, ^{Sworn} Selectmen Selectmen

Voted and Doc^t Peter Snow, ^{Sworn} John Thurston Jun^r ^{Sworn} & John Willard ^{Sworn} Affessors

Voted to adjorn this meeting for one hour.

The town meet according to adjornment, and the meeting opened.

Voted that the Collectorship be let out at Vendue to the lowest bidder at the house of Timothy Garfields, at five OClock this afternoon, and that the Selectmen be a Committee for that purpose, and those who bid of the Collectorship to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town.

Voted and chose David Boutell, ^{Sworn} Ephraim Davis ^{Sworn} Asa Wood, ^{Sworn} Amos Parce, ^{Sworn} Abraham Willard

Sworn Benja^a Fuller, Sworn Phinehas Wetherbee, Sworn Amos Putnam Ju^r Jeremiah Kinsman Ju^r Sworn Simeon Farwell, Sworn Joseph Willard Sworn W^m Bolton, Amos Wheeler, Timothy F. Downe, Sworn and John. R. Kemp Sworn Surveyors of highways Highway Surveyors

Voted that the highway Surveyors allow for men per hour, and Ox work, Cart, plow, &c p^r day, the same as last year and the Surveyors to govern themselves accordingly.

Voted & chose Benja^a Herrick, Cap^t Thomas Thurston, Abial Holt, Sworn Jonathan Thurston Elijah Macintire Ju^r Joseph Carter, Sworn Isaiah Putnam, William Kimball Joel Page, Abel Farwell Sworn Samuel Kimball, Sworn Asa Perry Ju^r Sworn Nathan Ordway, Reuben Smith Ju^r Amos Lawrence Ju^r Josiah Wilder Sworn & Samuel Taylor to be Hogreves the year ensuing Hogreves

[229] Voted and chose Joseph Downe Ju^r and John. R. Kemp Sworn Cullers of hoops and Staves

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds Sworn & Timothy Garfield Sworn Sealers of leather

Voted & chose Thomas Hilton & Jacob Gibson

. Fire wards
Voted & chose Levi Farwell, Sworn & William Brown Ju^r Sworn Field drivers

Voted & chose Cap^t Aaron Eaton Sworn Pound keeper

Voted & chose Cap^t Thomas Thurston & Ephraim Kimball Ju^r Tythingmen

Voted & chose John Willard Sworn & Thomas Eaton Ju^r declined taking the oath. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Samuel Gibson Ju^r Sworn William Brown Ju^r Sworn & Jacob Upton Sworn Fence viewers

Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to repair the highways & bridges the present year.

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the warrant untill the adjornment

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to support the schools the preset year.

Voted to lay out the school money the same as last year.

Voted & chose John. R. Kemp, Amos Parce, Asaph

Boutell, Ephraim Osborn, David Bawldin, Tho^s Cowdin, Jonathan Boynton, Stephen Dole, Benj^a Sheldon, Pellemedus Perkins and Abial Holt School Committee.

Voted that the school money be laid out the same as last year.

Voted that the number of schollars be returned by each school Committeeman belonging to his destriect to the Selectmen, by the first monday of September, and not to be rec^d by the Selectmen after the first monday in September.

Voted that each School Committeeman take the number of schollars in his destriect the last weak in August.

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to see that the Poor belonging to the town, be supported in the best way that they shall think is for the Interest of the town.

Voted to chuse a Committee of three to settle with the town treasurer.

Voted & chose Simeon Farwell, George Wood & John Thurston Jun^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted not to have the Swine run at large under the regulation of the law the present year.

Voted that the town treasurer be authorised to pay to any person or persons, belonging to this town, who shall take, and kill, any Crows within, the limits of this town, between this date and the next March meeting, Twenty cents for each Crow.

[230] Voted to relinquish two years Interest to Ephraim Kimball on a note the town holds against him for one hundred dollars for money said Kimball borrowed of the town to build his Bridge.

Voted to relinquish to Ephraim Kimball the one half of the prinsaple of A hundred dollar note the town holds against him which was loaned to said Kimball for the purpose of building a Bridge over the river nigh Farwells shop which Bridge is now carried away by the freshet, in consideration that the said Kimboll rebuilds the Bridge and keeps it in good repair for the future.

*This vote, is voted, to be reconsidered at the adjournment and recorded.

*This is an annotation on the margin opposite the preceding paragraph.

Voted that notifications for town meetings be notified as usual, and be posted up at both meeting houses.

Voted that the Selectmen make enquiry, whether the town can procure a piece of land adjoining to the New burying ground, and make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be Authorised to appoint such a number of Saxtons as they shall think proper to take care of the burying Yards, Dig graves, &c

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at One OClock in the afternoon.

The meeting was accordingly adjourned.

On Monday the 6th day of April being the first Monday in said month. The town meet according to adjournment, and the meeting opened, and proceeded to business. Viz.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to Settle with the town Treasurer, which is as follows Viz.

Fitchburg March 5th 1807 The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the town to settle with the town Treasurer made the following Settlement, Viz.

We find in the Treasurers hands a note against Ephraim Kimball dated 30 Jan ^r 1800 on Interest	\$100.00
Five years interest paid	
Also two notes against Ezra Dana dated 30 Nov ^r 1798 on Interest both notes amounting to	22.50
Also a note against Mr J John Goodridge dated 24 th Dec ^r 1802 on Interest	5.18
Also a note against William Brown Ju ^r dated 3 rd Dec ^r 1804 on Interest of	5.80
We find in the hands of William Brown Ju ^r Collector for the year 1805 the sum of	167.20
We also find in the hands of Porter Kimball Collector for the year 1806 the sum of	1016.91
We also find in the hands of the Treasurer which he is accountable to the town for in cash	86.58

We have settled with the treasurer and allowed him twelve dollars for his Services as Treasurer in full to the above date

We find due to the pew holders in the old meeting house the sum of 67..83

Simeon Farwell	} Committee
George Wood.	
John Thurston Jun ^r	
Paul Wetherbee Treasurer.	

[231] Voted to raise Four hundred dollars to defray the Necessary expences the present year.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as a Committee respecting letting out the Poor which report is as follows viz.

Fitchburg March 4th 1807. The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the town to let out the Poor and to appoint Saxtons in the middle & West parts of the Town, have attended to the besinefs, and have agreed with Israel Turner Esq^r to take Samuel French he to pay thirty five cents p^r weak for French's Services.

We have agreed with Cap^t James Cowdin to take Mary Wares and to give him thirty three Cents p^r weak for keeping her

We have agreed with M^r Levi Farwell to take Eph^m Smith, and to give him Sixty seven Cents p^r weak for keeping him.

Peter Snow	} Committee
John Thurston Jun ^r	
John Willard	
Thomas Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

The Selectmen report that they have appointed Levi Davis a Saxton in the middle of the town.

And Solomon Carlton a Saxton in the west part of the town

Fitchburg March 4th 1807.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r	
John Willard	
Tho ^s Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

Voted to reconsider the Vote pafsed the 2nd day of March last respecting giving Ephraim Kimboll Fifty dollars out of the note he owes the town of One hundred dollars

Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting letting out the Collectorship which is as follows Viz.

March 2nd Five oClock in the afternoon, The Committee chosen to let out the Collectorship attended to the besinefs assigned them at the house of Timothy Garfield's and was bid of to the following persons Viz.

The South side of the town set up to the lowest bidder upon the hundred dollars, and whoever bids it of to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the town, And was bid of to Asa Perry at \$1..25

The North side of the town set up to the lowest bidder upon the hundred dollars, and whoever bids it of to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the town, And was bid of to Abijah Goodridge at \$1..15

Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee

Voted to adjorn this meeting to Five OClock this afternoon to M^r Timothy Garfields Hall. The meeting was accordingly Adjorned.

The town meet according to adjornment, And Chose Doct Peter Snow Moderator Pro tem

Voted & chose Porter Kimball ^{Sworn} to be collector for the South & North sides of the town upon the same prin-saples, And for the same sums as bid of to Asa Perry & Abijah Goodridge for collecting the whole of the taxes the present year. Viz. upon the South side at [232] at \$1..25 upon the hundred dollars, And upon the North side at \$1..15 upon the hundred dollars Collector

Voted to accept of Asa Perry & Ephraim Kimball Ju^r Bondsmen for Porter Kimball as Collector for the whole of the taxes on both sides of the town.

Voted to chuse two Constables for the present year.

Voted and chose Porter Kimball ^{Sworn} Constable

. Constable

Voted and chose Ephraim Kimball Ju^r ^{Sworn} Constable

. Constable

Voted to pafs over the thirteenth article in the Warrant.

Voted to disolve this meeting and the meeting was by the Moderator declared disolved

Peter Snow Moderator pro tem
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male inhabitants of said town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg of twenty one years of age and upwards
(Seal) having a freehold estate within the Common-
wealth of the Annual income of ten dollars or any
estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet and
Afsemble at the meeting house on Monday the sixth day
of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon, to
give in their votes for a Governor, Lieu^t Governor, and
Senators and Counfellors agreeable to the Constitution of
this said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands, and Seals at said Fitchburg
this fourth day of March AD. 1807.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r		
John Willard		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg March 16th 1807

Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town quallified by Law to vote in said meeting to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. Porter Kimball Constable

[233] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, quallified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, And Lieu^t Governor, holden on the 6th day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Seven, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor, and Lieu^t Governor of said Commonwealth. Votes

for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted and recored, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed Viz.

For Governor	{ His Excelanicy Caleb Strong Esq ^r 95
	{ The Hon James Sullivan Esq ^r 113
For Lieu ^t Governor	{ His Honour Edward. H. Robins Esq ^r 87
	{ Hon — Levi Lincoln Esq ^r 111
	{ His Excelanicy Caleb Strong Esq ^r 1

Attest.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r		
John Willard		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts quallified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counfellors, holden on the 6th day of April being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Seven for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors for the Destriect of the County of Worcester Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed to Wit.

For The Hon Salem Town Esq ^r	87
The Hon Elijah Brigham Esq ^r	87
The Hon Thomas Hale Esq ^r	87
Jonas Kendall Esq ^r	87
For Pliny Merrick Esq ^r	114
Edward Bangs Esq ^r	114
Samuel Jones Esq ^r	114
Mofes White Esq ^r	113
John Whiting	1

Attest.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r		
John Willard		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

[234] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 town quallified by law to vote in town meetings,
 to meet and Assemble at the meeting house on monday
 the fourth day of may next at two of the clock in the
 afternoon to act on the following Articles Viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see what method the town will take to repair
 the bridge near M^r Jo^s Richardson, or act any thing re-
 specting said bridge they may think proper.

3^d To see if the Town will discontinue a bridle road
 laid out from where M^r Tim^o Batchelor liv,^d thro' M^r
 Amos Lawrance^s land to the town road, and accept of a
 road laid out from M^r Phinehas Wetherbee's to the town
 road by M^r Lawrence's, by the Selectmen or their order,
 or act any thing theiron.

4 To see if the town will do any thing toward open-
 ing the road lately laid out from M^r Sam^l Philips', to the
 meeting house or act any thing respecting said road they
 may think proper.

5th To see if the town will accept of any roads laid
 out by the Subscriber and repair any bridges they think
 necessary or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg
 this thirteenth day of April AD 1807.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r		
John Willard		

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg April 20th 1807.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as
 within directed Porter Kimball Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg assembled on munday the 4th day of May 1807.

Voted and chose W^m Cuningham Moderator.

Voted to refer the 2nd article in the warrant to the
 descretion of the Selectmen.

[235] Voted that a bridle road laid out to com-
mode Timothy Batchelor through Amos Lawrances land,
be discontinued.

Voted to accept of a bridle rode laid out by a com-
mittee to commod Phinehas Wetherbee be accepted if the
land is given the discription of the road is as follows Viz.

The Subscribers by order of the Selectmen have laid
out for the use of M^r Phinehas Wetherbee a bridle way
which is as follows Viz.

begining at said Wetherbee,s house, from thence runing
Southwesterly on a Streight line on said Wetherbee,s land
till it comes to M^r Amos Lawrence,s land by an Oak
Stump on the westward side of said road, thence on the
Same line till it comes to a Chesnut Stump thence bearing
a little more towards the west so as to come out in frount
of said Lawrence,s house as near said house as can be
convenient, to the town road.

Fitchburg April 23rd 1807

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Committee
Phinehas Wetherbee		
Amos Lawrence Jun ^r		

Voted to chuse a Committee to converee with Cap^t
W^m Brown & the Rev W^m Bascom respecting making an
alteration in the road laid out from M^r Sam^l Phelp^s
to the meeting house, and the Committee to make their re-
port at the next town meeting.

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r David Boutell, Israel Turner Esq^r
& Cap^t Edward Durant a committee for the above pur-
pose.

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

W^m Cuninghame Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the town
of Pitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said Town, being
twenty one years of age & resident in said town

for the space of One year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said town, of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars [236] dollars, to meet at the meeting house on monday the fourth day of May next at four of the Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chusing a representative to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened, and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg this thirteenth day of April AD. 1807.

Peter Snow
John Thurston Junr } Selectmen
John Willard }

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 20th 1807.

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified as within mentioned.

Ephraim Kimball Junr

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Assembled on Monday the 4th day of May 1807.

The meeting was opened by reading the warrant, and the Selectmen precided.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will Chuse a representative the present year to represent the town in General Court.

The vote was called for by the Selectmen, and it pafsed in the affermative.

Voted & chose Mr Samuel Gibson to represent the town in General Court the year ensuing

Peter Snow
John Thurston Junr } Selectmen
Tho^s Cowdin
John Willard }
Joseph Simonds }
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[237] Worcester. fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (Seal) town quallified by law to vote in town meetings
 to meet and assemble at the town meeting house
 in said town on wednesday the thirteenth day of May
 next at four OClock P. M. to act on the following articles
 viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To see if the town will petition to the General
 Court at their next Sefſion to grant to its inhabitants
 the previledge to ſhift from one of the Parishes to the
 other, or Join either of them if they chuse, by giving in
 their names to the Clerks of the parishes of said town
 annually on a certain day the Court ſhall ſee fit to ap-
 point, or act any thing theiron the town may think
 proper.

Given under our hands and ſeals at Fitchburg this
 twenty ſeventh day of April AD 1807.

John Thurston Ju ^r	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Peter Snow		
Tho ^s . Cowdin		

Worcester. ſs. Fitchburg April 29th 1807.

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 freeholders and other inhabitants of said town quallified
 by law to vote in town meetings to meet at the time and
 place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

Porter Kimball Constable.

Fitchburg May 13th 1807 At a legal meeting of the
 inhabitants assembled on the 13th of May. the town
 Clerk being absent the meeting was oppened by one of the
 Selectmen.

A motion being made voted and chose Peter Snow
 town Clerk pro tempore.

Voted and chose Deacon John Thurston Ju^r Modera-
 tor.

The motion was made and seconded to pafs over the
 second article, which pafs'd in the Negative.

The motion was then made to see if the town will petition the General Court agreeably to the article in the warrant, which pass'd in the affirmative by a majority of Eleven.

Voted to chuse a Committee to draft a petition the General Court to lay before the town for their acceptance.

Voted the Committee consist of three Viz Deacon Ebn^r Thurston, Benj^a Herrick & M^r Reuben Smith, and they to report at the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn the meeting for fifteen minutes, and then to meet again at this place.

The town meet again agreeable to adjournment.

Voted to accept the petition, presented by the Committee, which petition is as follows. Viz.

To

[238] To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The petition of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, in legal town meeting assembled, Humbly Sheweth,

That there are two religious Societies in the town, both denominated Congregational, yet differing so widely in religious sentiments, that those who compose one of the Societies petitioned for, and obtained of the Honorable Court an Act of incorporation June 1805. The plea of the petitioners was, "There being no religious Society in the town with which to petitioners could Join without doing violence to their own Consciences, and the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth giving liberty of Conscience to all Men." The Honorable Court in the Act of incorporation in consequence, it is thought of a vote of the town consenting to the petitioners being heard, and their petition Granted under certain restrictions gave but six months for persons to determine to which of the Societies they would belong, after that period closed there could none regularly pass from One to the other Society Short of petitioning to the Honable Court to be removed by a Special Act, believing that petitions from individuals will be forwarded to the Honorable Court to be removed

in this way, from one to the other Society; and that too in repeated instances, Men being chanable Cretures; believing it perfectly consistant with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, and pecularly congenial with republican Government; believing it will tend to promote practical virtue religion and morality, and remove Occation for discontent. It is therefore the prayer of your petitioners that the Honorable Court will grant to the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg liberty to pafs over from either of the religious Societies to the other Annually, the person so doing making known in writing to the Clerk of the Society to which they before belonged there intention to leive the Society; and to the Clerk of the Society to which they wish to belong there desire to be inroled as belonging to said Society, And as in duty bound Shall pray.

Fitchburg May 13th 1807 Ebn^r Thurston } Committee
 Benj^a Herrick }

Voted to chuse an Agent or Agents to forward the petition to the General Court.

Voted that Deacon Samuel Gibson be an agent for the above purpose

Voted to send another agent to afsist Deacon Samuel Gibson for the above purpose.

Voted and chose Deacon John Thurston Ju^r for the Afsistant Agent.

Voted to defolve this meeting

John Thurston Ju^r Moderator
 Peter Snow Clerk pro. tempore
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[239] Agreecable to a vote of the town the subscribers have attended to the besinefs of dividing the school money which is as follows Viz.

Destriect N ^o 1.	John. R. Kemp	\$130..32
2.	Amos Parce	47..22
3.	Afaph Boutell	47..22
4.	Ephraim Osborn	51..94
5.	David Bawldin	36..54

6. Thomas Cowdin	41..11
7. Jonathan Boynton	42..90
8. Steph Dole	42..66
9. Benj ^a Shelden	52..88
10. Pell ^s Perkins	67..05
11. Abial Holt	40..16

\$600..00

Fitchburg Nov^r 23rd 1807.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r	
Tho ^s Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town
 (Seal) qualified by law to Vote in town meetings, to meet,
 (Seal) and afsemble at the meeting house on Monday the
 seventh day of March next, at nine of the clock in
 the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the law directs, and act any thing in regard to chufing Collectors the town may think proper

3 To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair their Highways & bridges the year ensuing.

4 T see what sum of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town.

5 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools the year ensuing, and any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.

6 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon

7, To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to settle with the town Treasurer

8 To see if the town will allow the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law, the present year

[240] 9 To see if the town will give a bounty for killing Crows the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

10 To see if the town will give up to Mr Ephraim Kimball the obligation the town holds against him for money to build the bridge near Mr Farwells shop, provided he will give a bridle road through his land where it was laid out by the Selectmen last year, or act any thing thereon respecting said bridge, and bridle road.

11 To see if the town will chuse overfeer of the poor separate from the selectmen.

12 To see if the Town will build a house in some convenient place to secure the Hearse from the weather, or act any thing thereon

13 To see if the Town will build a Powder house or act any thing thereon

14 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to confer with a Committee from the Town of Lunenburg respecting Paupers, Public lands, and Taxation, or any other disputes between the town of Lunenburg & Fitchburg, with full power, and authority to Settle the same, or act any thing thereon.

15 To see if the town will chuse Saxons to take care of the burying yards or act any thing thereon

16 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to examine the schools, or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands & Seals this fifteenth day of February AD 1808

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston	
John Willard	
Thos Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

Worcester fs Fitchburg February 22. 1808 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as within directed
Porter Kimball Constable

[241] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the Seventh day of March AD 1808

Voted & chose Mr W^m Cunningham moderator

Voted & chose Oliver Fox ^{Sworn} Town Clerk

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds ^{Sworn} Town Treasurer

Voted to chuse five Selectmen for the present year

Voted & chose Deacon John Thurston, ^{Sworn} John Willard ^{Sworn} Simeon Farwell, ^{Sworn} Elijah McIntire ^{Sworn} & John Farwell ^{Sworn} Selectmen for the present year
 Selectmen

Voted that the three first Selectmen be the afsefsors for the present year

Voted that the Selectmen be the overseers of the poor the present year

Voted & Chose John Farwell ^{Sworn} Phillip F. Cowdin, ^{Sworn} James Cowdin ^{Sworn} Ephraim Kendall, ^{Sworn} Jonathan Boynton ^{Sworn} Amos Lawrence ^{Sworn} Josiah Brown, ^{Sworn} Pelamedus Perkins, ^{Sworn} Israel Turner Esq^r ^{Sworn} Elnathan Polley, ^{Sworn} Miah Shattuek, ^{Sworn} Nathan Ordway ^{Sworn} Jeremiah Kinsman, Abraham M. Farwell Abijah Hartwell, Thomas Carter, ^{Sworn} Asaph Boutell ^{Sworn} Surveyors of Highways Highway Surveyors

Voted that the Highway surveyors allow for men per hour Cart, plow, &c per day, the same as last year, & the price of Oxen to be left to the discrefsion of the Highway Surveyors.

Voted & chose Benj^a Kemp ^{Sworn} Samuel Putnam Nathan ordway Joseph Gibson, Abijah Hartwell & William Downe Hograeves Hograeves

Voted & chose John R Kemp ^{Sworn} & Joseph Downe Jr Cullers of hoops & Staves

Voted & chose Tim^o Garfield ^{Sworn} & Joseph Simonds ^{Sworn} Sealers of Leather

Voted & Chose Tho^s Hilton & Jacob Gibson
 Firewards

Voted & Chose Ephraim Kendall, ^{Sworn} & Aaron Eaton ^{Sworn} Field Drivers

Voted & Chose Cap^t Joseph Farwell ^{Sworn}
 Pound keeper

Voted & Chose Thomas Thurston & Benj^a Herrick
 Tythingmen

Voted & Chose Jacob Stickney ^{Sworn} & Daniel Harrifs
 Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & Chose Joshua Phillips ^{Sworn} Jonas Marshall
Jr ^{Sworn} & Moses Hale Fence Viewers

Voted & Chose Joseph Fox Esq^r Cap^t James Cowdin
Jon^a Lowe, Abraham M. Farwell, Joseph Downe Jur Verin
Daniels, Joshua Stickney, Josiah Brown — Benj^a Herrick,
Elias Mefsender and Amos Lawrence Jr school Committeemen
. School Committee

[242] Voted to Chose a Committee to examine the
schools the present year

Voted that the committee consist of Eleven.

Voted & chose the Rev'd Titus T. Barton the Revd
Mr Bascom W^m Cunningham, Joseph Fox, Joseph Richard-
son Doc^t Snow Deacon John Thurston. John Muzzy Rob-
ert Allen, David Boutell & Abraham Willard

Voted that the Committee be requested to attend the
schools when they begin & at the time of closing the
schools and it shall be the duty of the school Committeemen
of each destriect to inform the examining committee
when the schools shall begin

Voted that the school Committeemen shall the last
week in August make out an exact return of the number
of scholars in his destriect & present the same to the select-
men by the first monday of Sep^t that an accurate appro-
portionment of the money may be made, that the town
clerk be directed to furnish the school Committee with
this vote

Voted that a committee be chosen to let out the col-
lectorship for the present year & the person who bids off
the Collectorship bring bondsmen to the exceptence of the
town.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee for the above
purpose

Voted that the collectorship be let out at five oclock
this afternoon at the house of Timothy Garfield agreeable
to the above vote.

\$700 Voted to raise Seven hundred Dollars to repair
the highways & bridges the present year

Voted to pafs over the fourth article in Warrant un-
till the adjournment

\$600 Voted to raise Six hundred Dollars for the sup-
port of schools the present year

\$40 Voted that forty Dollars be added to be raised for the support of schools the present year, & that the Selectmen be directed to distribute the forty Dollars amongst those school districts that the Selectmen shall think most needs it.

Voted that the Six hundred Dollars voted to support the schools the present year be distributed by the Selectmen amongst the school districts according to the number of Schollars

Voted to Chuse a Committee to settle with the town Treasurer

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Doct^t Snow Joseph Fox Esq^r. & John Thurston

Voted to pafs over the 8th article in the warrant untill the adjournment.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorised to pay to any person or persons belonging to this town, who shall take and [243] and kill any Crows within the limits of this town between this date & next March meeting, Twenty cents for each Crow.

Voted that a Committee of conferenee be chosen to confer with M^r Ephraim Kimball respecting the 10th article in the warrant and the committee to report to the Town at the adjournment

Voted that the committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Doct Jonas Marshall Cap^t Edwrd Durant, Deacon John Thurston & Doct Peter Snow

Voted to build a house to secure the Hears

Voted to chuse a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose John Willard Cap^t Edward Durant & Jo^s Fox Esq^r

Voted to chuse a Committee to confer with a Committee from the town of Lunenburg (if the town of Lunenburg should chuse such a Committee,) respecting Paupers, Public lands & Taxation or any other disputes between the Towns of Lunenburg & Fitchburg with full power and authority to settle the same.

Voted that the committee consist of Three

Voted & chose Asa Perry, Doct Peter Snow & Paul Wetherbee for the above purpose

Voted that the town build a powder house

Voted to chuse a Committee to see that the house is built

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J, David Boutell, & Oliver Fox a committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to appoint Saxons for the burying yards.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of April next at two oclock in the after noon then to meet at this place.

On Monday the 4th day of April being the first Monday in said month. The town met according to adjournment, and the meeting oppened & proceeded to businefs (Viz)

Voted to accept the report of the committee to settle with the town treasurer which is as follows

Fitchburg March 14 1804

The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town to settle with the town Treasurer, have attended to the businefs and make the following report. (Viz)

We find in the treasurers hands a note against	
M ^r Ephraim Kimball Dated 30 Jan ^y 1800 on	
Interest	\$100..00
one years Interest due on y ^e 30 January 1808 . . .	
[244] Also two notes against Extra Dana Dated	
30 Nov ^r 1798 on Interest both notes amount-	
ing to	\$22..50
Also one note against Maj ^r John Goodridge	
Dated 24 December 1802 on Interest . . .	5..18
We also find in Porter Kimballs hands Collector	
for the year 1806	446..87
We also find in Porter Kimballs hands Collector	
for the year 1807	1068..73
We also find in the hand of the Treasurer which	
is paid over to his Sucecfsor	23..51
We find due to the Pew holders in the old meet-	
ing house	67..83

We have settled with the Treasurer and allowed him twelve Dollars for his services as Treasurer in full to this day

Joseph Fox	}	Committee
Peter Snow		
John Thurston		
Paul Wetherbee — Town Treasurer		

Voted to raise four hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expence of town present year

Voted to pass over the 8th article in the warrant

Voted not to except the report of the committee chosen to confer with Dⁿ Ephraim Kimball respecting the 10th article in the warrant which is as follows

The committee chosen by the town to confer with Deacon Ephraim Kimball respecting the 10th article in the warrant beg lave to report (viz)

That your committee recommend to the Town to relinquish to Dⁿ Ephraim Kimball the obligation the town holds against him, provided he will give an obligation to the Town, to let the people pass and repass through his land where the road was lately laid out by the Selectmen, att all times, and six months in the year without any Gates or bars, and likewise bind himself & heirs to deliver into the hands of the town the Bridge whenever they see fit to receive it, free from any expence to the town

Fitchburg April 1. 1808 Joseph Fox p^r order

The subscribers being appointed by the Town to provide for the poor have put them out as follows (Viz)

Put out Samuel French to Israel Turner Esq^r he to give to the Town for his labour forty cents per week

Also Ephraim Smith put out to Levi Farwell he to receive for his board Sixty cents per week

Also Rebeckah Smith was fet up at Vendue to be bid off by the lowest bidder, he to take her at his own risque, if she runs away he is to look her up, and keep her till March 1809 and bid off to Amos Pierce at fifty seven cents per week

John Thurston	}	Over seers of the poor of the town of Fitchburg
John Willard		
Simeon Farwell		
Elijah Mcintire		
March 7. 1808	John Farwell	

[245] Fitchburg March 7. 1808

The committee chosen by the town this day to let out the Collectorship, met at time & place voted by the town and proceeded to let out the Collectorship upon South side of the town the person who shall bid it off to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town.

Set up upon the hundred Dollars & bid of to Abijah Goodridge @ \$2.80

then proceeded to let out the north side of the town & bid off to Abijah Goodridge . . . at . . . \$1.39

John Thurston	}	Committee
John Willard		
Simeon Farwell		
Elijah Mcintire		
John Farwell		

Voted to except the report of the Committee chosen by the town to let out the Collectorship

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge ^{sworn} collector for the town the present year Collector

Voted & chose Asa Perry & Amos Pierce bondsmen

Voted to choose two Constables the present year

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge ^{sworn} constable

. constable

Voted & chose Oliver Fox ^{sworn} constable . Constable

Voted to Difsolve this meeting & it is accordingly Difsolved

W^m Cunningham Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Fitchburg April 4. 1808

At a Public vendue of one of the porpers Mary Wares by name of said town, was struck off to Levi Farwell at twenty six cents per week all Neccessary charges excluded (Viz) Sicknefs & cloathing Simeon Farwell per order

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn the male inhabitants of the town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg of twenty one years of age and upwards
(Seal) having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth
(Seal) of the annual income of three pounds, or any

estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting house on Monday the fourth day of April next at four of the clock [246] clock P. M. to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counselors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this seventeenth day of March AD 1808

John Thurston	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard		
Simeon Farwell		
Elijah Mcintire		
John Farwell		

Worcester fs

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified each of the freeholders & other inhabitants as are qualified to vote for Governor, Lieu! Governor, Senators, & Counfellers, to meet at time and place as within directed

Ephraim Kimball J Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor, Lieu! Governor, holden on the fourth day of April being the first monday of said Month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieu! Governor of said Commonwealth — Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted & recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed, (Viz)

For Governor	}	His Excelancy James Sullivan Esqr . . . 105
		The Honor Christopher Gove Esqr . . . 94
		Hon Levi Lincoln 3
For Lieu! Governor	}	His Honor Levi Lincoln Esqr . . . 95
		Hon David Cobb Esqr 90
		Hon Christopher Gove Esqr . . . 1

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Simeon Farwell		
Elijah Mcintire		
John Farwell		

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[247] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the Destrict of the County of Worcester.

Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted, Counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — to wit

For The Hon. Salem Town Esq ^r	88
Hon Elijah Brigham Esq ^r	88
Hon Thos Hale Esq ^r	88
Jonas Kendall Esq ^r	88
For Pliny Merrick Esq ^r	95
Edward Bangs Esq ^r	95
Sam ^l Jones Esq ^r	95
Moses White Esq ^r	95

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Simeon Farwell	
Elijah M ^c intire	
John Farwell	
Oliver Fox	Town Clerk

Worcester fs To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (Seal) Town qualified by Law to Vote in town Meetings
 (Seal) to meet and afsemble at the meeting house on
 (Seal) Monday the 9th day of May next at two oclock
 P. M to act on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To chose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 To hear the report of a Committee chosen to confer with the Rev^d M^r Bascom & Cap^t W^m Brown respecting a road that was lately laid out through said Browns land and act any thing thereon the town may think proper

3 To see if the town will fix upon a time when the road that was lately laid out through Cap^t Browns land and others from the meeting house to the road that leads by Samuel Phelps, shall be opned or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

[248] 4th To see if the town will accept of any roads that is laid out by the Selectmen or their order, or discontinue any roads that may become necessary in consequence of new ones being laid out and excepted, or act any thing there on the town may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twenty second day of April AD 1808

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Simeon Farwell		
Elijah M ^c intire		

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May 9th 1808

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within directed

Oliver Fox, Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on Monday 9th day of May 1808

Voted & chose Joseph Fox — — Moderator

Voted not to accept the report of the committee chosen by the town to converse with the Rev^d M^r Bascom & Cap^t W^m Brown which is as follows (viz) Your committee chose by the town for the purpose of conversing with The Rev^d M^r Bascom & Cap^t W^m Brown for the best terms they would dispose of Land for a Road leading from Samuel Phelps to the Meeting-house, have attended the businefs and report that the land on the line between Cap^t William Brown & the Rev^d W^m Bascom for the road agreeable to the terms, will cost seventy seven Dollars & fifty cents.

David Boutell	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
Edward Durant		

Fitchburg May 9th 1808.

Motioned & seconed to see if the town will open the road lately laid out by the Selectmen leading from Sam^l Phelps to the Meeting house on the 20 Sep^r next being put pass in the negative.

Voted to have the above road opened on the last of Oct^r next.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, respecting a road a road they laid out on the following Conditions (viz) That the inhabitants [249] that live on the road give the land and make the road passable which report is as follows viz

The following is a description of a two rod road laid out by the subscribers (viz) Beginning at the north side of the road that leads by Samuel Phelps & Jacob Jaquith to a heap of stones opofite the road that was lately laid out from the meeting house to said Phelps and runs north 7^d east partly on land of said Phelps & partly on land of said Jaquiths forty one rods to a heap of stones on the road that leads from said Phelps to Samuel Caswells, thence following said road till it comes to Jeremiah Kinsman Jun^r thence leaving said road at a large stone in the fence on the east side of said road opposite said Kinsmans barn and runs east 16^d north forty three rods on said Kinsmans land to a large rock with a heap of stones on the top of it, just on the edge of Daniel Holts land East 19^d north to a heap of stones near said Holts house, thence north 28^d east Eighteen rods to a heap of stones, thence north 17^d east Eighteen & ½ rods to a heap of stones at the foot of the ledge, thence north 24^d East thirty one rods & ½, to a heap of stones on the line between said Holts land and Amos Laurences land thence on said Laurences land North 11^d east thirty six rods to a heap of stones on the west side of the road that leads by said Laurences house. All the above mentioned bounds are on the Eastwardly side of said road. it is expected the above described road will be all given free from any expence to the town except a little corner of Jacob Jaquiths land for which we have estimated five Dollars damage

Fitchburg May 7: 1808.

John Thurston }
 John Willard } Selectmen
 Elijah M^cintire }

Voted to Difsolve this meeting & it was accordingly
Difsolved Joseph Fox Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To Either of the Constable of the town
of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said town being
(Seal) twenty one years of age and resident in said town
(Seal) for the space of one year next preceeding having
(Seal) a freehold estate within said town of the annual
income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty
pounds to meet at the meeting house on monday ninth
day of May next at three oclock P M for the purpose of
chusing a Representative to represent them at the General
Court appointed to be convend & held at Boston on the
last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands & seals at said Fitchburg
[250] the twenty second day of April AD 1808.

John Thurston }
John Willard } Selectmen
Simeon Farwell }
Elijah McIntire }

Worcester fs

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified &
warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as
therein exprefsd to meet at the time & place & for the
purpose within mentioned Fitchburg May 9. 1808.

Oliver Fox Const

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
Fitchburg asembled on Monday 9th May 1808

The meeting was opened by reading the warrant and
the Selectmen presided.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town
will chuse a Representative & it pafsd in the Negative

John Thurston }
John Willard } Selectmen
John Farwell }

Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said county Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town
 (Seal) qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet
 and assemble at the meeting house on monday the
 twelfth day of September next at three o'clock P. M. and
 when met to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will difcontinue any part of the road that leads from the corner of Mrs Jane Garfields orchard over pearl hill to Ashby line where it is not now troden and except of said road where it [251] it is now troden or act any thing thereon the town may think proper, agreeable to a request of a number of the Inhabitants of said town

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this twenty ninth day of August AD 1808.

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah Mcintire	
John Farwell	

Worcester fs

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs'd to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg Sep^r 12: 1808 Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 12th Sep^r 1808

Voted & Chose Paul Wetherbee — Moderator

Voted to Defsolve this meeting & it is accordingly Defsolved

Paul Wetherbee Moderator
 Oliver Fox Town Clerk

1808 Sep^r 12: Set up Rebecah Smith at Public Ven- due at the Meeting house, upon the same condition that she was bid off to Amos Pierce last March & she was

bid off to Israel Turner Esqr at one Dollar & Eight Cents per Week

John Thurston }
Elijah McIntier } Selectmen
John Farwell }

[252] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsaachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
(Seal) Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting,
to meet and asemble at the Meetinghouse on Monday the Seventh day of Novr next at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To Chose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2nd To see if the Town will accept of the report of the Committee from the Town of Lunenburg, respecting the support of Lydia Hawood, public lands, taxation. &c &c.

3 To see if the Town will accept of the list of Jury-men as made out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

4 To see if the Town will raise any sum of Money to be laid out in Books and put into the hands of the Committee chofen to examine the Schools, to be by them given to those schollars who shall make the greatest proficiency in Schollarship, in the several destricts or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper, agreeable to a request of said Committee

5 To see if the town will accept of the road from the County road between the W^d Jane Garfields & Joseph Upons to Ashby line as lately laid out by the Selectmen and also discontinue any part of the former laying out that shall become necessary in consequence of the new one being established or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of October AD 1808

John Thurston }
John Willard } Selectmen
Elijah McIntier }
John Farwell }

Worcester fs Fitchburg Nov. 7. 1808

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

[253] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on Monday 7th day of November AD 1808

Voted & chose William Cunningham — Moderator

Voted to pafs over the second article in the Warrant

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, respecting Jurymen as made out by them in Oct^r last

Voted to pafs over the fourth Article in the Warrant.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen a two rod road laid out by them between the Widow Jane Garfields & Joseph Uptons, to Ashby line, agreeable to a plan laid before the town which is as follows (Viz)

*Beginning at the County road leading from Fitchburg to Lunenburg by the Widow Jane Garfields, at a Stake & Stones, on the West side of said road, a Corner of Joseph Uptons land & runs north $13\frac{1}{2}$ ^d East 23 Rods by said Uptons land, then North 35 ^d east 32 rods by s^d Uptons land, then north $4\frac{1}{2}$ ^d East 58 rods by s^d Uptons land, and land of Amos Wheelers, then North 6 ^d west $40\frac{1}{2}$ rods by sd Wheelers land, to land of Daniel Putnam Esq^r bought of said Wheeler, then one degree west 23 rods by said Putnams land, then North 7 ^d East 26 rods by said Putnams land, then North 5 ^d East, 8 rods to a large stone in the fence, then North 27 ^d East 8 rods to an elmn tree on the north side of the Brook, then north 2 ^d west 10 rods, then North 5 ^d West 14 rods, then north 17 ^d west 43 rods still by said Putnams land, then Due north 27 rods, partly on s^d Putnams & partly on Calvin Mefsenders land, then North 5 ^d West 13 rods by s^d Mefsenders land, then North 24 ^d West 38 rods by said Mefsenders land, then North $28\frac{1}{2}$ ^d West 30 rods to said Mefsenders

*Now known as Pearl Hill Road.

Corner. Then North 10^d West 8 rods Lent Sam^l Phelps land, then North 7^d East 44 Rods by J. Kinsman and Perkins land, to a Stake & stones near Pel^s Perkins Shop. Then North 26½^d East 21 rods by said Kinsmans land, to Lieu^t Eliphalet Perleys Corner. Then north 16^d East 54 rods by land of Israel Wetherbee, then north 17^d east 26 rods to Perleys lane so call'd, then north 17½^d east 22 rods to the corner of said Wetherbees land, then north 28½^d east 14 rods land of Jacob Gibsons, then north 7^d east 4 rods by said Gibsons land, then North 4^d east 14 rods by said Gibsons land, then north 3^d West 34 rods by said Gibsons land, then North 9^d east 8 rods by said Gibsons land, then North 33^d East 14 rods by s^d Gibsons land, then North 21^d East 22 rods by s^d Gibsons land, then North 8^d east 26 rods by said Gibsons land, then North 30^d east 15 rods by said Gibsons land, Then north 18^d east 14 rods by s.d Gibsons land, Then North 32^d east 18 rods by sd Gibsons land, then north 27^d east 19 rods supposed to be by Daniel Holts land, then North 19^d east 26 rods by said Holts land, then North 30½^d East 9 rods by said Holts land, then north ½^d east 10 rods by sd Holts land, then North 12½^d east 15 rods on Amos Laurences land, then north 17^d west 16 rods on s^d Laurences land, then North 21½ West 33 rods on sd Laurences land, then north 7^d west 29 rods on said Laurences land to a stake and stones opposite s^d Laurences house, then north 19^d west 35 rods on said Laurences land, then north 40^d West 17 rods on said Laurences land, then north 55^d West 35 rods to a stake and Stones near a large rock Daniel Andrews Corner, then north 41½^d West 6 rods on land of Wetherbee & Taylor, then north 23½^d West 18 rods on sd Wetherbee & Taylor, then north 44^d West 19 rods, then west 18^d south 8 rods, Ditto, then north 50^d West 12 rods to a maple tree, then north 24½^d west 34 rods on Amos Laurences land, then North 3^d east 18 rods, on s^d Laurence, then north 44^d West 20 rods on s^d Laurence & land of Paul Gates, then north 53½^d west 6 rods on s^d Gates land, then north 30^d west 29 rods by s^d Gates land, then north 26½ west 21 rods to Ashby line

This plan laid down 40 rods to the inch on a scale.

Surveyed by Abraham Willard

[254] Agreeable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said town the Subscribers have laid out a two rod road anew from the County road between the Widow Jane Garfields and Joseph Uptons to Ashby line and have taken the points and made bounds on the westwardly side of said road agreeable to a plan that will be herewith exhibited to the town. It is expected that the land will be all given except a little corner of Jacobs Gibsons land, which according to his own estimation is about fourteen square rods for which we have estimated the damage to M^r Gibson at Six Dollars all of which is Submitted to the town

Fitchburg Oct^r 1808

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah M ^c intire	
John Farwell	

To the Gentlemen selectmen of Fitchburg—

This certifys that if the town road from the County road near Mrs Garfields to Ashby line, be laid out a new, and accepted by the town, I will give the land where it is now trod and fenced, where it runs on my land for a road

Sep^r 15: 1808 — signd by — Daniel Putnam

Took up the second article in the warrant

Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting the support of Lydia Heywood taxation &c &c. which is as follows (viz)

We the subscribers being the Committee chosen by the towns which we respectively belong, to confer with & agree upon a Settlement of the subject within written do report that we are of opinion that it will be for the Interest of each town to ratify the within written agreement, and report without any alteration, and we do recommend that each town, do accordingly ratify the same by causing the same to be recorded at length in the town records Your Committee further report that being unable to find any agreement respecting taxing lands in

Lunenburg which lye in Fitchburg, & land in Fitchburg which lye in Lunenburg, and being sensible that the practice is attended with inconvenience, do report that in future, each town proceed to tax the lands lying in their respective towns and no other

sign	Josiah Stearns	}	Committee
	Chas Cushing		of
	Z. B. Adams		Lunenburg
	Asa Perry		Committee
	Peter Snow		of
	Paul Wetherbee	Fitchburg	

Lunenburg May 23: 1808.

Proposals mutually made & agreed to by the Committees from Lunenburg & Fitchburg in order for an Accomodation of all matters of Dispute between the two towns, & to be laid before their respective towns for their Acceptance, (Viz)

1st That Lunenburg shall release to Fitchburg all demands for the support of Widow Abigail Heywood & her Daughter Lydia Heywood forever

[255] 2nd That Fitchburg shall be at the Charge of the Support of all others who may need support, & who had their last legal Habitancy within the Limits of that Territory which was incorporated by the name of Fitchburg, before Said Incorporation.

3^d That Fitchburg shall release to Lunenburg all claims or pretentions of Claims of any right to the Public lands commonly called Ministerial & School Lands

Done at Lunenburg January 4th 1790

per order John Tullar
Asa Perry

Voted to Difsolve this meeting & it is accordingly dissolved

William Cunningham Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Division of the school money for the year 1808.

Destriect No 1	Joseph Fox Esqr	\$152:83
2	James Cowdin	48:34
3	Jonathan Low	50:
4	Abra ^m M. Farwell	50:94

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the Seventh day of November AD 1808 it being the first monday in said month for the purpose of Chusing a Representative for the Worcester North Distriet of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to Represent us in the Congress of the United States. Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted, Counted & record, and Declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed — to Wit —

For Hon William Sedman Sixty six

Moses White Esq^r — Twenty four —

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Elijah M ^c intier		
John Farwell		
Oliver Fox Town Clerk		

[257] Worcester fs. To Abijah Goodridge one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said county . . . Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders & other inhabitants on the south side of said town qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting, fourthwith by verbal notice, to meet at the meeting house in said town on Wednesday the seventh day of December instant at nine o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To chose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2nd To see what encouragement the town will give the men that are now call^d for in case they will turn out voentarily, or act any thing there on the town may think proper Agreeable to a request of a number of inhabitants of s'd Town

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this 5th day of Dec^r AD 1808 John Thurston }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Elijah M^cintire }

Dec^r 7: 1808 Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants

of said South side of the Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned
Abijah Goodridge Constable

Worcester fs — To Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting . .

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the north side of the town qualified by Law to Vote in town meeting, forth with by verbal notice to assemble at the meeting house on Wednesday the seventh day of this instant December at nine o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chouse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To See what encouragement the town will give the men that are now call^d for, in case they will turn out volentarily or act any thing there on as the town may think proper. Agreeable to a request of a number of inhabitants of said town.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of December AD 1808

John Thurston }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Elijah M^cintier }

Worcester fs December 7: 1808

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants living on the north side of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned, by verbal notice & leaving word at their last & usual place of abode
Oliver Fox Constable

[258] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Wednesday the 7th December AD 1808

Voted & chose William Cunningham — Moderator

Voted that the town offer as an encouragement to the Soldiers who shall be spirited to turn out volentarily as

minute men, to stand in readinefs if call'd for, two Dollars each at first, and should they be called into actual service, a sum sufficient to make up the pay rec'd from Government equal to ten Dollars per month from the time of marching the Noncommiffioned officers & Music, they have the same addition to their pay as the men

Voted to difsolve this meeting & it was accordingly
Difolved
William Cunningham, Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting:

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Freeholders & other inhabitants of said
(Seal) town qualified by law to vote in town meetings
to meet and afsemble at the meeting house on
monday the sixth day of March next at nine of the clock
in the forenoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To Choose a Town Clerk, town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the Law directs and act any thing in regard to choosing Collectors as the town may think proper.

3 To see what sum or sums of Money the town will raise to repair their highways & bridges the year insuing.

4 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise for the support of schools the year insuing & act any thing in regard to laying out said money, they may think proper.

5 To see what sum of Money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town

6 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year insuing, or act any thing thereon

7 To see if the town will choose a Committee to fettle with the town Treasurer.

8 To see if the town will allow the swine to run at large the present year under the regulation of the law

9 To see if the town will give a bounty for killing crows the year insuing or act any thing thereon

[259] 10 To see if the town will Choose a Saxon to take care of their Burying ground or act any thing thereon.

11 To see if the town will choose a Committee to examine their Schools or act any thing thereon.

12 To see if the town will straighten the road from the south west corner of Nathaniel Boughtells land to the meeting house or act any thing thereon.

13 To see if the town will take Putnam Perley from the town of Boxford and pay up the expences that has arisen in consequence of his Support and Support him in future without a lawsuit, or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of February AD 1809

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah M ^c intier	
John Farwell	

Fitchburg March 6th 1809.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as the law directs to vote in town meeting, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within named.

Abijah Goodridge Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 6th March. 1809.

Voted & Chose Joseph Fox Moderator

Voted & Chose Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Voted & Chose Joseph Symonds Town Treasurer

Voted to Choose five Selectmen the present year

Voted & Chose John Thurston, ^{sworn} John Willard, ^{sworn} Joseph Downe Jur, ^{sworn} Elijah M^cintier ^{sworn} & John Farwell ^{sworn}

Voted that the three first selectmen be afsefsors the present year ^{sworn}

Voted that the Selectmen be overfeers of the poor the present year

Voted & chose Aaron Eaton, ^{sworn} Jabez Sawyer, James Cowdin ^{sworn} Moses Hale, ^{sworn} Joseph Carter, ^{sworn} Daniel Andrews, ^{sworn} Stephen Dole, ^{sworn} Samuel Phelps, ^{sworn} Levi Farwell, ^{sworn} Elijah McIntier ^{sworn} J. Benjamin Shelden, Thomas Leach ^{sworn} Jonathan Thurston ^{sworn} Abraham M. Farwell, ^{sworn} John Badcock, ^{sworn} Jacob Stickney & Asa Farwell highway Surveyors

Voted that the high way surveyors allow for men per hour, Cart plow &c per day the same as last year & the price of oxen to be left to the discretion [260] of the Surveyor

Voted & Chose Abijah Goodridge, Ephraim Kendall, David Baldwin, Abijah Hartwell, John Carter Jun^r Amos Putnam J Jon^a Haskell, Nehemiah Giles & Josiah Brown Hogreves

Voted that John R. Kemp & Joseph Downe Jr be Culler of hoops & Staves

Voted that Timo. Garfield & Calvin Mefsender be Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Thomas Hilton & Ephraim Kendall Fire wards

Voted & chose Person Brown & Joseph Farwell Field Drivers

Voted that Thomas Eaton Jr be Pound keeper

Voted & chose Timo. Garfield & John R. Kemp Tythingmen

Voted & Chose John Willard & Aaron Eaton Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & Chose Ephraim Davis, Benj. Fullar & David Boutell Fence viewers

Voted to adjourn for half an hour & then meet at this place

The town met according to adjournment.

Voted that the Collectorship be let out to the lowest bidder at Paul Wetherbee 2^d at half past four o'clock P. M. by the hundred Dollars

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee for the above purpose and they make report at the adjournment of this meeting

\$700 Voted to raise seven hundred Dollars to repair the highways & Bridges the present year

\$640 Voted to raise six hundred & forty Dollars for the support of Schools the present year

Voted that the School money be laid out the same as last year.

Voted not to restrict the Destricts.

Voted that there be a committee man for each Destrict and be under the direction of the destrict respecting laying out the money

Voted & chose David Boutell, Asa Woods, Zach. Farwell Joseph Downe, Benjamin Fullar, Phillip F. Cowdin Elijah Carter, Amos Putnam J John Pratt Nathan Ordway & Jeremiah Kinsman Ju^r . . . School Committee

Voted to pafs over the eleventh article in the warrant

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant untill the adjournment

Voted that the selectmen be a Committee to let out the poor at the time and place that the Collectorship is to be let out & make report at the next meeting.

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Levi Farwell & Paul Wetherbee for the above purpose & make report at the adjournment

Voted to pafs over the 8th Article in the warrant

Voted to pafs over the 9th Article in the warrant

[261] Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to provide saxons the present year

Voted to chuse a committee to enquire respecting the 12th article in the warrant, how they can have the land & whether Mr Barton will let his land lay common that now does lay common

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall Ju John Thurston & Doe^t Snow & the committee make report at the adjournment

Voted that the overfeers of the Poor be a Committee to look into the matter respecting Putnam Perley & set-

tle with the town of Boxford if the town is obliged to take him to support

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill the first monday of April Next at one o'clock P. M.

& it is accordingly adjourned

The town met according to adjournment & meeting opened

Voted to procede to finish the businefs of the March meeting

Voted to reconsider the last vote

Voted to adjourn this meeting without day

Joseph Fox Moderator

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and (L S) warn the male inhabitants of the said town of (L S) Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and up- (L S) wards having a freehold estate within the Com- (L S) monwealth of the annual income of three pounds,

or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting house on Monday the third day of April next at three o'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieu^t Governor, Senators and Counsellors, Agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Given under our hand and Seals at said Fitchburg this Sixteenth day of March AD 1809

John Thurston }
John Willard } Selectmen
Joseph Downe J } of
Elijah M^cintire } Fitchburg
John Farwell }

[262] Worcester fs — April 3. 1809

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to vote for Gov^t Lieu^t Senators & Counfellors to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mention

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieu^t Governor holden on the third day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and nine, for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for Governor, Lieu^t Governor of said Commonwealth. Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted Counted and declaration thereof made as by as by the Constitution is directed (viz)

For Governor	{	Hon Christopher Gore	113
		Hon Levi Lincoln	132
		David Cobb	1
		Joseph B Varnum	1
		Jonas Marshall Ju	1
For Lieu ^t Governor	{	Hon David Cobb	107
		Hon Joseph B Varnum	136
		Hon Levi Lincoln	1
		Calvin Mefsenger	1
		Remark Dunnell	2
Attest		John Thurston } John Willard } Elijah M ^c intier } John Farwell }	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Attest		Oliver Fox		Town Clerk

[263] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counfellors, holden the third day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Nine, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators & Counfellors for the district of the County of Worcester Votes for the following persons were given in forted counted, recorded and Declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed to wit

For	{	Hon Elijah Brigham	109	For	{	Pliny Merrick .	127
		Thos Hale . .	109			Edward Bangs	127
		Salem Town .	109			Sam ^l Jones . .	127
		Jonas Kendall .	109			Moses White .	127

Attest John Thurston }
 Elijah Mcintier } Selectmen of
 John Willard } Fitchburg
 John Farwell }
 Attest Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs—To Cap^t Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Summon and
 (L S) Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (L S) town Qualified by law to vote in town meetings
 (viz) Such as pay to one single tax besides the poll
 or polls a sum equal to two-thirds of a single poll tax to
 assemble at the Towns meeting house in Fitchburg on
 tuesday the eighteenth day of April Current at nine o'clock
 A.M. to act on the following articles — (viz)

- 1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To choose a Town Clerk, town Treasurer, Selectmen and [264] all other town officers as the law directs, and act any thing in regard to choosing Collectors as the town may think proper.
- 3 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing
- 4 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools the year ensuing or act any thing in regard to laying out said money as they may think proper
- 5 To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray their necessary expences of the town the present year
- 6 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing thereon they may think proper
- 7 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their town treasurer
- 8 To see if the town will allow the swine to run at large the present year under the regulation of the law
- 9 To see if the town will choose a saxon to take care of their burying Ground, or act any thing thereon

10 To see if the town will straighten the road from the southwest corner of Nat Boughtells land to the meeting house or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this third day of April AD 1809

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Elijah Mcintier	
John Farwell	

Worcester fs — Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet & assemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

Fitchburg April 18, 1809

[265] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Tuesday April 18 AD 1809

Voted & chose Dea. John Thurston Moderator

Voted & chose Oliver Fox ^{sworn} Town Clerk

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds Clerk Pro. Tem.

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds ^{sworn} Town Treasurer

Voted to chose five Selectmen the present year

Voted & chose Dea. John Thurston, ^{sworn} John Willard ^{sworn} Joseph Downe J ^{sworn} Elijah Mcintire ^{sworn} & John Farwell ^{sworn}

Voted to chose three assessors the present year

Voted that the three first Selectmen be the assessors the present year — ^{sworn} —

Voted that the Selectmen be the overseers of the poor the present year

Voted & chose Aaron Eaton, Jabez Sawyer, James Cowdin, William Brown, Joseph Carter, Daniel Andrews, Stephen Dole, Samuel Phelps, Levi Farwell, Elijah Mcintire Jr, Benjⁿ Sheldon, Thomas Litch, Jonathan Thurston, Abram

M. Farwell, John Badcock Jacob Stickney Asa Farwell, & John R. Kemp highway Surveyors highway Surveyors

Voted that the high way surveyors allow for men per hour Cart plow &c per Day the same as last year, the price of oxen to be left to the descretion of the surveyors.

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge Ephraim Kendall David Baldwin, Abijah Hartwell, John Carter Jr Jon^s Haskell, Nehemiah Giles, Josiah Brown & Amos Putnam Jun^r Hogreves hogreves

Voted & chose John R. Kemp. & Joseph Downes J
. Cullers of hoops & Staves

Timothy Garfield & Calvin Mefseger
. Sealers of Leather

Thomas Hilton & Ephraim Kendall . . . Firewards

Pearson Brown & Sylvester P. Flint . . . Field Drivers

Thomas Eaton Jur Pound Keeper

Timothy Garfield & John R. Kemp . . . Tythingmen

John Willard & Thomas Eaton Jr
. Surveyors of Lumber

Samuel Gibson, Benja Fullar & David Boutell
. fence Viewers

Voted that the Collectorship be let out to the lowest bidder on the hundred Dollars at one o'clock P M. at the house of Paul Wetherbee 2^d

Voted that the Selectmen be the committee for the above purpose and report at the adjournment of this meeting

700\$ Voted to raise seven hundred Dollars to repair the highways & Bridges the present year

[266] 640\$ Voted to raise six hundred and forty Dollars for the support of schools the present year

Voted that the school money be laid out the same as last year.

Voted that there be a school committeeman for each district and be under the district respecting laying out the money

Voted & chose David Bontelle, Asa Woods Zacheus Farwell, Joseph Downe, Benj. Fullar Phillip F. Cowdin, Elijah Carter Daniel Flint John Pratt, Nathan Ordway, Jeremiah Kinsman School Committeemen

Voted to chose a committee to inspect the schools the present year

Voted that the committee consist of five

Voted & chose Rev^d M^r Barton, Rev^d M^r Bascom Doe^t Peter Snow, Leonard Burbank & Jo^s Simonds

. Committee

Voted to pafs over the fifth article till the adjournment

Voted that the overfeers let out the Poor to the best advantage for the town

Voted that there be a committee chosen to fettle with the Town Treasurer

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Esq^r Paul Wetherbee & Levi Farwell for the above Committee

Voted that the committee settle with the treasurer at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to pafs over the Eighth article

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to provid a Saxon to take care of the burying ground

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one & a half hour

The town met according to adjournment

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to let out the collectorship

Voted & chose Abiel Holt Collector the present year

Voted to Chose two constables the present year

Voted & chose Abiel Holt ^{sworn} & Oliver Fox ^{sworn} Constables

Voted to accept of the report of Joseph Fox, Paul Wetherbee & Levi Farwell on their fettlement with the treasurer the 9 day of March last

[267] 500\$ Voted to raise five hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expenc of the town the year ensuing

Voted that the tenth article be pafsed over till the next meeting

Voted to difsolve this meeting

John Thurston Moderator

Joseph Simonds Town Clerk pro. Tem

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

April 18: 1809 The committee appointed by the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on the 18th April 1809 to let out the Collectorship to the lowest bidder upon the hundred Dollars, they to find two good bondsmen, have attended to that business, and make our report as follows (viz)

\$2:00 The south side of the town was set up to the lowest bidder upon the 100\$ and bid off to Abiel Holt at two Dollar on the hundred

1:98 The North side of the town set up to the lowest bidder upon 100\$ & was bid off to Abiel Holt at one Dollar & ninety eight cent on the hundred Dollars

John Thurston	}	Committee
John Willard		
Joseph Downe Ju		
Elijah Mcintire		
John Farwell		

True Coppy

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[268] Worcester, fs — To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify &
(L S) warn the male inhabitants of said town being
(L S) twenty one years of age and resident in said town
(L S) for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting house on monday the fifteenth day of May next at three o'clock. P M. for the purpose of chosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty eighth day of April AD 1809

Hearof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said time above mentioned

John Thurston	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard		
Joseph Downe Ju		

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May 15 1809

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 15 May AD 1809

The meeting opened by reading the warrant & the Selectmen presided

A motion was made & second to see if the town would not send a representative & it passed in the affirmative

A motion was made to dissolve the meeting & it passed in the Negative

A motion was made & second to reconsider the first vote which was not to send a representative which passed in the affirmative

Voted not to send a representative the present year, & the moderator declared the meeting dissolved

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Elijah McIntire	
John Farwell	
Oliver Fox	Town Clerk

[269] We the Subscriber two of the Selectmen of Fitchburg and two of the Selectmen of Ashburnham have preambled the line and renewed the bounds between Fitchburg & Ashburnham according to Law

Fitchburg Oct^r 13: 1809

Thomas Hobert —	} Selectmen of Ashburnham
by order of Selectmen	
Ruben Rice	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
Elijah McIntire	

True copy

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

We the Subscribers two of the Selectmen of Fitchburg & two of the Selectmen of Westminster have Preambled the line and renewed the bounds between Fitchburg & Westminster according to Law

	Jacob Sawyer	{	Selectmen of
	Rufus Dodds	}	Westminster
	Joseph Downe Jr	{	Selectmen of
	Elijah McIntire	}	Fitchburg
True cippy	Oliver Fox		town Clerk

We the Subscribers as the law directs have this thirty first day of October one thousand Eight hundred & Nine, Preambulated the lines between the Town of Leominster & Fitchburg and renewed the bounds which are as follows (viz)

Beginning at the southeast corner of Fitchburg at a white Oak Tree, and run west thirty one Degs south Six hundred and ten rods to a heap of stones on Menosnock hill, thence west twenty six Degrees south one hundred & forty rods to a white oak tree & Stones, thence west nine degrees north two hundred & thirty nine rods to a heap of Stones, being the Northwest corner of Leominster

	Abel Kendall	{	Selectmen of
	Enoch Boutell	}	Leominster
	Joseph Downe J	{	Selectmen of
	John Farwell	}	Fitchburg
True Copy	Oliver Fox		town Clerk

We the subscribers have this day preambulated the line between the Town of Lunenburg and the town of Fitchburg and renewed the bounds according to law

	Josiah Stearns	{	Two of the Selectmen
	William Jones J	}	of Lunenburg
	John Thurston	{	Two of the Selectmen
	Joseph Downe Jr	}	of Fitchburg
May 16 1809			
true Copy	Oliver Fox		Town Clerk

[270] We the Subscribers selectmen of Fitchburg & Selectmen of Ashby have this day preambled the line &

renewed the bounds between Fitchburg & Ashby according to Law of the Commonwealth Nov^r 20: 1809

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of
John Farwell } Fitchburg

Cushing Burr } Selectmen
of Ashby

True Coppy

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

A division of the school money for the year 1809 made out by the Subscribers Dec^r 4. 1809.

David Boutell committeeman	\$162:78
Asa Woods	47:53
Zach ^s Farwell	50:32
Joseph Downe	48:43
Benj ^a Fullar	38:39
Phillip F. Cowdin	42:96
Elijah Carter	41:64
Daniel Flint	51:27
John Pratt	52:05
Nathan Ordway	67:19
Jeremiah Kinsman Jun ^r	37:44

\$640:00

John Thurston }
John Willard }
Joseph Downe Ju } Selectmen
Elijah M^cintier }
John Farwell }

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